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Waterfront key to Albany races

■ Four candidates vying for two open seats; both incumbents in El Cerrito open council seats decide to campaign again

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

With the future of Albany's waterfront in the spotlight of city politics, this year's City Council race is likely to be a fight over the shoreline.

Four candidates are vying for the two seats currently filled by Robert Good, who opposed large-scale development on the waterfront, and Allan Maris, who favored some development. Good opted not to run for re-election, and Maris can't run because of term limits.

Battling for their spots in the Nov. 7 election are two women endorsed by Citizens for the Albany Shoreline: a retired economist who is open-minded about development at Golden Gate Fields, and a real estate agent who wants a balance of open space and development.

Their campaigns begin with the future of the shoreline uncertain.

Southern California developer Rick Caruso had proposed a \$200 million development on Golden Gate Fields property. The proposal was to include between 135 and 150 apartments, up to 420,000 square feet of retail, as well as open space. It encountered fierce resistance from environmental groups opposed to

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A LAUGHING MATTER

■ Audience members enjoy themselves during the Swazzle puppet show at the Albany Library on Tuesday. Swazzle puppeteer Anita Coulter, top, entertains her appreciative audience, above left, by showing how her puppet works. Swazzle, a puppet company dedicated to the art of live puppetry, performed "Rex & Boots: Super Sleuths" in which Lady Fromage, the richest mouse in town, discovers that her prized possession, the Gold Fish, is missing. She calls on Rex & Boots, super sleuths, to solve the crime. Rex, right, Max, 3, and his dad, Ulan McKight, of Albany give a big hand to the puppeteers.

SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

Community Project copes with burglary

■ El Cerrito High School program will begin year short of materials after early August break-in

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

Instead of preparing for the upcoming school year, the El Cerrito High School Community Project staff is trying to replace items stolen during a campus break-in earlier this month.

The Community Project, which works to create positive change in the El Cerrito High community through health services, counseling, academic support and the arts, will be open to students — but how furnished it will be remains uncertain.

"We'll go with what we've got," said Jennifer Rader, director of the Community Project and

a teacher at the school.

While the Community Project scrambles to replace the stolen items, police are continuing their investigation this week.

The theft occurred sometime between 4 p.m. Aug. 4 and 9:30 a.m. Aug. 9, when someone from the Community Project reported the incident to police after finding the items had been stolen.

During the night of Aug. 4, the alarm was turned off about six hours and then turned back on, said El Cerrito Detective Cpl. Don Horgan.

In the early morning of Aug. 8, several alarms went off at the school, said El Cerrito High Principal Vince Rhea, though police were not notified of them.

He said he was investigating what happened when the alarms went off. One of the alarm zones,

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■ EL CERRITO POLICE released sketches of two suspects in the killing of Remo Reggi. Leads have faded in the 2005 slaying.

Police release sketches of suspects in '05 killing

Family raises reward leads to \$100,000

By Karl Fischer
STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito police on Tuesday released sketches of two men involved in the shooting death last year of Remo Reggi, saying a witness previously unable to provide descriptions did so last week.

The Sept. 11 homicide remains a mystery to detectives to the 20-year-old Albany resident's family, which this week raised a reward offer in the amount of \$20,000 to \$100,000.

"I'm much more confident than I was," said Franco Reggi, Remo's father. "I'm sure there's somebody out there that knows these two."

REWARD OFFERED:

The family of homicide victim Remo Reggi offers a \$100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of his killers. Police ask anyone with information to call Cpl. Don Horgan at 510-215-4418.

Anonymous tipsters may also receive as much as \$1,000 for information helping the investigation by calling West Contra Costa Crime Stoppers at 510-799-TALK.

Remo Reggi and a 19-year-old friend, whom police have not identified, sat in his Buick that evening at the top of a steep

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Berkeley church receives a fresh look

■ El Cerrito residents help create an environmentally friendly garden to greet worshippers of all stripes

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

The weeds have given way to California native plants as Unity of Berkeley completes the first phase of its landscaping program, which began in April.

By this time next year, the Eunice Street church hopes to have more trees, a front lawn, drip-irrigation system, meditation labyrinth and Zen peace garden.

"We couldn't have gotten as far as we have without the neighbors' help," said Steve Carter of El Cerrito, co-chairman of the landscaping project. "They gave us advice on what not to plant, to avoid turning ourselves into a salad bar for the local deer."

Carter was put in charge of the ambitious project even though he's been a member of the church for only a few months.

"That's the kind of community we are," said the Rev. Patricia Keel. "He has a great gift to offer, and we can offer a place where he can give that gift."

That welcoming attitude is what attracted Carter to the church in the first place.

"I'm a very, very shy person," he said. "For two weeks in a row, I wouldn't even come in. I just



STEVE CARTER and Joy Curtis of El Cerrito work on the landscaping project at Unity of Berkeley church recently. Carter was put in charge of the ambitious effort even though he's been a member of the church for only a few months.

sat in my car in front."

But on the third Sunday, he finally summoned the courage to get out of the car and knock on the door. The first person he met was church member Katie Whitmer, who threw her arms around him, then took him by the hand and introduced him to everyone else.

"I thought to myself, 'Wow! I'm home!'" he said.

Unity of Berkeley is one of more than 900 Unity churches throughout the country, including nine others in the Bay Area. The Unity movement was founded in the 1880s by a Mid-

western couple, Charles and Myrtle Fillmore.

"They had no thought of starting a new religion," said Keel. "They just wanted to help themselves and others who turned to them for help."

Unity is centered on two basic propositions: 1. God is good. 2. God is in you.

The church also teaches that the way to access the divine in you is through meditation and prayer. But prayer alone is not enough; you have to practice what you believe.

In addition, Unity believes the power of the mind is so great,

you can help yourself heal with your thoughts.

"But we're not Christian Scientists," said Keel. "We also believe the doctor's skills are a divine gift."

Unity embraces all religions. Carter still considers himself a Methodist. His co-chairwoman, Joy Curtis of El Cerrito, still considers herself a Presbyterian. The church has other members who are Sufis, Buddhists and other faiths.

Some of Unity's tenets are shared by what is popularly called the New Age movement, but Keel is uncomfortable with the term.

"New Age has such an airy-fairy connotation," she said. "We're part of the New Thought movement, which comes out of the 19th century Transcendentalists."

Keel founded Unity of Berkeley in 2001.

"I was new in town, and didn't know anybody," she said. "I just rented space in the Strawberry Creek Design Center in West Berkeley, put an ad in the paper, and waited for people to show up."

Coincidentally, her first service was on the first Sunday after Sept. 11, 2001.

"We spent a lot of time talking about the terrorist in all of us," she said.

That first day, nine people showed up. Today, the church boasts a mailing list of 700 and an average of 75 to 80 attendees at Sunday services.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Precautions can protect from West Nile

Albany residents concerned about recent positive tests for West Nile Virus in mosquitoes in other parts of Alameda County should take simple precautions and be aware of their environment, county vector control officials said.

The county's vector control department conducts surveys every two weeks at seven sites around Albany, said community outreach coordinator Daniel Wilson. He said sites are baited with dry ice, which gives off carbon dioxide to lure mosquitoes along Solano Avenue and near creeks that feed into Berkeley and El Cerrito.

"On our last trap night, the counts were kind of low. That's what we want," he said last week. "There are some problem areas, but they seem to get resolved by providing information to neighborhoods."

— East Bay Daily News

Schools see improvement in test results

Albany students showed gains in California test score results released this week by the California Department of Education. In 2006, 72 percent of Albany students ranked proficient or better in English language arts in the STAR testing, compared with 70 percent in 2005. In math, 68 percent of students were proficient or better, compared with 67 percent the year before.

In the West Contra Costa Unified School District, 30 percent of students were proficient or better in English, unchanged from 2005, and 30 percent were proficient or better in math, up from 28 percent the year before. West Contra Costa encompasses El Cerrito and Kensington schools.

Kensington Elementary was the top-performing elementary school in West Contra Costa, with 81 percent of students proficient or better in English and 82 percent in math. Last year, Kensington had an 82 percent proficiency rate in English and 78 percent rate in math.

To view school results by grade, visit the state Department of Education Web site at star.cde.ca.gov.

— Craig Lazeretti

Voters asked whether they want cannabis club

Albany voters will be asked in November whether they want a medical marijuana dispensary in their town.

"This vote is advisory, and it does not commit the City Council to go one way or the other, but it does provide some direction about how the community feels about it," said Ann Chaney, community development director.

The deadline for anyone who wishes to submit an argument supporting a dispensary printed with the question in voter guides is Tuesday. The deadline for rebuttals is Aug. 29, and must be filed with the city clerk's office.

Albany has a moratorium on medical marijuana outlets until May 2 of next year. And the city has already drawn up regulations that would allow one dispensary if the council decides to go ahead and allow it after the Nov. 7 vote.

— East Bay Daily News

Community asked to help clean path

The Health and Safety Committee of Albany High School's Parent Teacher Student Association is inviting the community to join in cleaning the public BART path between Brighton Street and the El Cerrito Plaza station. They are scheduled to meet on the BART path by Albany Middle School from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Volunteers are asked to bring clippers, pruning shears, loppers, flat head shovels, metal rakes, wheel barrows, gloves and water bottles.

— Justin Hill

El Cerrito

Democratic Club plans candidates night

The El Cerrito Democratic Club is holding a candidates night at 7 p.m. on Aug. 22 in the sanctuary at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. The meeting, the first of two, will feature candidates for the West Contra Costa Unified School District board and the West Contra Costa Health Care District. Candidates for the Ward 1 seat on the Contra Costa community college district board and the at-large seat on the AC Transit board have also been invited.

The meeting is open to the public. "What we're trying to do is give people in the community an opportunity to hear the candidates, see the candidates, and ask them questions," said club President Al Miller.

Club members will vote at the meeting on possible endorsements. While the club invites all candidates for local offices to participate, its rules limit endorsements to registered Democrats.

A second forum will be held at 7 p.m. on Aug. 29 to hear from candidates for the El Cerrito City Council, the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District and the Kensington Fire Protection District. Candidates for the Ward 1 seat on the East Bay Regional Parks District board and the Ward 4 seat on the East Bay Municipal Utilities District board have also been invited. Under club rules, it can only invite candidates for regional office who are registered Democrats.

For more information call Al Miller at 510-526-4874 or send an e-mail to amil2323@comcast.net.

— Chris Treadway

Electronic recycling event scheduled

An electronic waste recycling event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9, and Sunday, Sept. 10, at the Department of Motor Vehicles, 6400 Manila Ave., in El Cerrito.

No appointment is needed, and the event is free to anyone, even those living outside the city.

Acceptable electronic waste includes computer components, televisions, VCRs and DVD players, fax machines, telephones, cell phones and MP3 players.

Appliances, batteries, microwaves, paints and pesticides will not be accepted. Those items can be taken to the Hazardous Waste Facility at 101 Pittsburg Ave. in Richmond. Call 1-888-412-9277 for information about the hazardous waste facility. Call 1-888-832-9839 for information about the electronics recycling event.

— Alan Lopez

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

TUESDAY, AUG. 8

■ **THEFT**—A man reported that he lost thousands of dollars after he sold a car over the Internet and sent excess funds he received from the sale to people in Nigeria per the buyer's directions. The man, who later learned the check was bad, lost \$2,550.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY**—A woman reported about 4:45 p.m. that her vehicle was broken into within the last hour at the dead end of Buchanan Street. A purse was stolen.

THURSDAY, AUG. 10

■ **ROBBERY**—A woman's purse was stolen about 1:40 a.m. on the 900 block of Santa Fe Avenue by two men, one of whom was armed with a silver handgun. The men fled south on Santa Fe toward Marin Avenue.

■ **THEFT**—A man stole a TV about 1:30 p.m. from a business at 1057

Eastshore Highway. The man exited the store with the TV, which he did not pay for, according to police.

SATURDAY, AUG. 12

■ **ROBBERY**—A man was robbed about 10:25 p.m. when he stopped on his bike to talk on a cell phone in the 1000 block of Evelyn Avenue. Four people drove up in a light-colored sedan, and two of them exited from the back seat. The man was punched in the chest and fell off the bike. The two people from the car took the man's bag. The man ran and dropped the phone, and the people from the car took the phone.

MONDAY, AUG. 14

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY**—A woman reported that someone broke into her car on the 1100 block of Talbot Avenue in July. A FasTrak transponder was stolen.

— Justin Hill

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

THURSDAY, AUG. 10

■ **BURGLARY**—An iPod was taken from a residence on the 1700 block of Liberty Street about 2:25 p.m. The residence was entered through an open window, and an audible alarm was set off.

FRIDAY, AUG. 11

■ **BURGLARY**—Two bicycles were stolen from a residence on the 1300 block of Contra Costa Drive between 9 p.m. and 3:50 a.m. the following day. Someone lifted the garage door and crawled in. The bicycles were recovered from a white Cadillac when an officer tried to stop the vehicle. The driver fled on foot and was not caught.

■ **BURGLARY**—Food was taken from a freezer in a residence on the 2500 block of Arlington Boulevard between 10 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. the following day. The garage was entered through an unlocked door.

SATURDAY, AUG. 12

■ **BURGLARY**—A golf bag and

clubs were stolen from a residence on the 2500 block of Arlington Boulevard between midnight and 7 a.m. The residence was entered through an unlocked garage.

■ **ROBBERY**—Two males confronted a woman and demanded her purse at gunpoint on Central Avenue near Carlson Boulevard about 11:10 p.m. The males were described as 5 feet 8 inches tall and 150 pounds. They were wearing white T-shirts.

MONDAY, AUG. 14

■ **ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON**—An El Cerrito police officer suffered minor injuries about 4:05 a.m. when his car was hit head-on by a stolen vehicle on Cutting Boulevard near South 50th Street, according to police. El Cerrito officers were assisting San Pablo police at the end of a chase of a stolen car. The driver of the stolen vehicle fled the car on Clinton Avenue, leaving a sawed-off rifle on the driver seat, according to police.

— Justin Hill

Cutting through jargon opens doors for patrons

"Database: a usually large collection of data organized especially for rapid search and retrieval..."

— 11th edition of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary
LAST WEEK, I went to an Infopeople (www.infopeople.org) marketing workshop. There, surrounded by librarians and others from as far away as Monterey County, I discussed, wrote and listened as the instructor, Ann Miller, led us through a packet of information.

One of the excellent points Ann made was that library jargon, which may be comfortable and comprehensible for librarians, may be neither for the people who use our libraries. Good examples are words such as "pathfinder" and phrases such as "information literacy." For the sake of clarity and ease, every work culture has its own language. But for a public service job like a library, it is obviously critical that employees communicate easily with those they serve.

Our final exercise was to come up with an action plan for one topic we would like our library users to know more about. I immediately chose what we call online databases, because I think they are one of our most underutilized yet in-



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

credible offerings. Taking into account our discussion about jargon, I realized one reason people aren't using them may have to do with the very term we apply to them.

What do we even mean by online databases? Online in this case doesn't mean this is on the Internet. Instead, it means people can use the Internet — from the library or from home — to go to our Web site. Then simply entering a library card number gives access to all sorts of resources — the aforementioned databases. We pay for these resources so that our library card holders can find specific and relevant articles on a huge range of topics.

Or, as it is described on the library's Web site: "Includes content back to 1980 from nearly 4,700 magazines and 89 wire services giving broad coverage of general interest topics, current affairs, popular culture,

Air board sues steel firm over odorous emissions

■ District says Pacific Steel has not met agreed-upon deadlines

By Justin Hill

STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY—A Berkeley steel casting company has violated a settlement it reached with air quality officials in December to reduce odorous emissions, a lawsuit filed in Alameda County Superior Court says.

On Monday, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District sued Pacific Steel Casting Co., saying the business failed to meet deadlines set in the agreement. Since Jan. 1, the district has issued seven notices of violation for odorous emissions, the suit states.

"We had no other recourse," said Jack Colbourn, district director of outreach and incentives. "We feel that it's our public health responsibility to go forward with a lawsuit."

Pacific Steel spokeswoman Elisabeth Jewel said neither she nor the company has seen the suit, and she declined to comment.

It is the second time in as many months the company has been sued. Last month, the West Berkeley Alliance, a neighborhood group, sued Pacific Steel, arguing that it is exceeding the legal limit for pollutant emissions and failing to maintain proper records about its operations. It was the latest development in a decades-long battle between residents and the foundry over emissions.

The company was required to pay a \$17,500 penalty as part of the settlement with the air district, which it did, and some information is "trickling in," said Luna Salaver, the district's spokeswoman. "They have made

movement in some areas," said. "However, there are other deadlines they must meet."

The district and the company entered into a settlement to resolve nine complaints issued in 2005.

But, according to the lawsuit, Pacific Steel failed to meet a 31-day deadline to obtain a necessary government approval to modify the interior of Plant 3 and installing an odor-abatement system. The suit also alleges that Pacific Steel failed to meet a deadline to complete emissions testing at plant 3 to meet the odor-abatement system.

Because the company missed those deadlines, Pacific Steel will fail to comply with a schedule to install odor-abatement equipment by Sept. 30, it is operational by Oct. 31, and consulting in a continuous abatement odorous emissions at plant 3," the suit says.

The company has continued to fail to comply with the deadline to update emissions monitoring, which identifies pollution is produced by the equipment, according to the lawsuit. The district says the company is liable for damages of as much as \$100 a day the updated emissions report is not submitted to the district.

The district asked the court to compel the company to comply with the settlement and to impose penalties.

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It is as if our library computers or even your home computers have huge libraries of magazines and newspapers hidden in them. And these periodicals are organized by subject, keyword, name of magazine or newspaper and date.

In the past year, I have been trying to demonstrate these resources to as many people as I can. I have found that the simplest way to do this is to take someone's subject, say osteopenia, and actually do a search with them. I show them where to type in the word, what to click on, and what to do with the list of articles that appears on the screen. I explain terms like "full text" (the entire original article) versus "abstract" (a brief description of it) or "key words" (osteopenia plus diet plus female) versus "subject" (osteopenia). It is more complicated than simply typing a word into the Google search box, but the results are better — more

specific, frequently more relevant, and always free.

Learning something can be intimidating at first, and perhaps for other reason people don't use these paid subscription services — that part of the shoeleaves — that part you wrap the second the first seemed important. But when my father told me how, he was patient, nonjudgmental, because he knew it was worth the effort.

That is the point in what a library offers, it because we know it the effort — we have erred hard and chosen. We know that once you know how to use our catalog search our databases, you be glad you did. Our make sure we get you.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@library.org or at the library, 510-526-3720. Read past columns at www.juliewinkelstein.com.

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FACES AND PLACES

Space filling up for golf tourney benefit

Spaces are filling fast for the 10th annual Dynamo Open, a golf scramble tournament held by the El Cerrito Recreation Department to benefit the David Hunter Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Open House Senior Center Trust Fund. The popular event takes place Aug. 21 at Mira Vista Country Club in El Cerrito.

"We have a few spaces left," said recreation director Monica Kortz. "If you're interested in signing up, sooner is better. Get down here quickly."

Players get a round of golf, lunch and prizes provided by tournament sponsors for their entry fee. Last year's tournament raised more than \$10,000 that helped the city provide services for young people and seniors.

For information, call 510-559-7000 or go to the community center, 7007 Moeser Lane, during business hours to sign up.

— Chris Treadway

ECHS REUNION: El Cerrito High School's class of 1981 is looking for fellow classmates as planning is under way for the 25-year reunion on Oct. 13. Contact Denise Hamma at 916-985-0689 or by e-mail at dkh10463@yahoo.com.

— Chris Treadway

AUDITIONS AT CIVIC CENTER: Contra Costa Civic Theatre in El Cerrito will hold auditions for "And Then There Were None," by Agatha Christie and directed by Kate Culbertson, on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Monday, Sept. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Callbacks will be Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 7-10 p.m.

There are openings for eight males, ages 20-80, and three females, 20-70. Bring a headshot

and resume, prepare a two-minute monologue in a British accent, and be prepared to read from the script. There's no pay.

CCCT is located at 951 Pomona Ave. (at Moeser). For further information, call 510-524-9132 or e-mail info@ccct.org.

— Craig Lazzarotti

ART ASSOCIATION MEETING: The El Cerrito Art Association invites area artists to its first fall meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, at the community center, Moeser Lane at Ashbury Ave. in the Garden Room.

Members and guests will share artwork, either finished or in progress, done over the past two to three months. Constructive comments will be offered from fellow artists.

An exhibition of paintings by Berkeley artist Nylan Jeung is featured at the community center now through September. Originally trained in the art of Chinese brush painting, Jeung combines Eastern- and Western-style painting in her artwork.

— Craig Lazzarotti

ACADEMIA: Nora Kaylyn Magnusen, a freshman from Albany, and Ethan Samuel Douglas, a sophomore from Kensington, were named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the University of Oregon.

— Craig Lazzarotti

CHURCH BAZAAR PLANNED: Sycamore Congregational Church in El Cerrito will hold its 40th annual Japanese Church Bazaar from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17. The bazaar will include Japanese food to take home or eat there, Taiko drumming, handcrafts, plants, a



MARK COPLAN

BERKELEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE President Roland Peterson and Albany President Dana Milner receive framed posters from Lisa Bullwinkel, executive director of the Solano Avenue Association, at the Solano Stroll Kick-off Party held at Golden Gate Fields last week. The annual event was used to thank all of the businesses and sponsors, while announcing "Send in the Clowns" as the theme for this year's Stroll, which takes place on Sunday, Sept. 10.

silent auction, door prizes and games for young children. The church is at 1111 Navellier St.

— Craig Lazzarotti

CITIZEN OF YEAR DINNER:

The Albany Chamber of Commerce has named former mayor and City Council member Ruth Ganong its 2006 Citizen of the Year. Ganong has also served on the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission; Albany Traffic and Safety Commission; Albany Waterfront Committee; Albany/Berkeley YMCA Board; Albany Social and Economic Justice Commission; Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville League of Women Voters; and most recently,

the Albany Historical Society.

Ganong and Youth of the Year Taylor Mosley will be honored at an awards dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, at The Naree Thai Restaurant, 977 San Pablo Ave. The cost is \$25, and reservations can be made through the Chamber office at 510-525-1771 or at www.albanychamber.org.

— Craig Lazzarotti

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Friends of the El Cerrito Library will hold its annual book sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 16-17 in the basement and library parking lot between the library and senior center. All pro-

ceeds will be used to purchase library materials and for special children's and cultural programs.

Readers Anonymous book club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. The group will discuss "A Summons to Memphis" on Aug. 22 by Peter Taylor. On Sept. 26, the group will discuss "Small Island" by Andrea Levy.

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The next meeting of the library's book club will be at 7 p.m. Aug. 28. The group will discuss "How the Gar-

— Craig Lazzarotti

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Madden's friends revel in Hall of Fame week

AS YOU probably know, John Madden was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, on Aug. 5.

He chartered a plane and flew more than 200 family members and friends from the Bay Area to celebrate with him, ranging from childhood friends to members of his 1970s football team.

Newsman Al Hart, with whom Madden banters every Thursday morning on the radio, made the trip, along with his friend, Pat Furry. So did former Raiders tight end Dave Casper, an executive with investment Mutual Financial Network, and his wife, Susan.

Madden was VIP treatment all the way, starting at Oakland airport where they were whisked through to the gate.

When they arrived at Canby airport and pulled up to the plane, the pilot announced, "Just inside, we have a surprise for you."

The aircraft door opened, and John Madden himself. He was famously afraid of flying, so he arrived the day before the bus, the Madden Cruiser. It was the first time he'd been on an airplane since 1979.

"I can't tell you how glad I am that you're here to celebrate with me," he told them. "I want to have a good time and not worry about a thing. It's like when you tell the team: 'Don't worry about the horse is blind; just keep loading the cart.'"

When they got to their hotel, he discovered gift bags Madden had left for them, including T-shirts, sweatshirts, and 2006 baseball caps.

He also had straw fedoras to protect them from the sun at the induction ceremony.

That night they went to a steak bar. On a whim, Hart sang "Pennies From Heaven." Then Madden's son, and his wife performed a

Madden wasn't there, but his son, John, was, taking snapshots with her digital camera.

"It's my job to take pictures of everything and then tell John he missed," she explained.

Then followed what Furry described as "a whirlwind of parties for the next three days."

At the induction ceremony, Al Hart and Furry sat next to Madden from Houston who was another inductee, Al Akins.

"We don't know anybody without dogs," but I know wife that if Troy makes it, we're going."



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

Despite the fedoras, the heat was unbearable.

"Fortunately, John was the third one inducted, so we stuck around for his speech and then went back to our hotel room and watched the rest of the ceremony on TV," said Hart.

By the final day everyone was exhausted, including Madden.

"I'm putting on my 'give up' shoes," he announced.

Sara White, widow of fellow inductee Reggie White, concurred.

"I've been walking around in three-inch heels all weekend because my kids say I have to look cute," she said. "I'm putting on my 'give up' shoes, too."

"Sara," said Madden, "your 'give up' shoes are better-looking than mine."

Hart was struck by how excited Madden and the others were to be inducted.

"These guys get so many honors, you'd think they'd be blasé about this," he said. "But this clearly was something special for them. They were so touched, I was touched."

Furry was struck by the large number of former Raiders who showed up to share the moment with their old coach.

"It's a testament to their affection for him," she said.

But Casper demurred.

"I wouldn't call it affection, even though a lot of the guys really like John," he said. "You don't have an affection for a coach. I'd call it respect, instead."

So what made Madden such a winner? "He was very strict about things that were important, but he didn't care about things that weren't," said The Ghost. "So he never gave you a hard time if, say, your hair was long."

The final event of the weekend was the annual Hall of Fame game between the Raiders and Eagles, which Madden helped call for NBC. His old team won, 16-10.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

OF THE WEEK



VEDIOVIS is a domestic short hair 3-year-old feline named after the word of healing, and may be available for adoption from the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. Vediovis prefers to live in a home without dogs. Throughout the month of August, adult felines Vediovis can be adopted for \$75. For more information, call or visit the Humane Society.

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Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$100 — including spaying, neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Caruso should stay true to his word

THE BEST SPIN JOB in the world can't change a basic fact about the recent statements made regarding plans for a retail/housing development along the Albany shoreline: Either developer Rick Caruso is misleading the people of Albany or Magna Entertainment Corp., the owner of Golden Gate Fields, is misleading its investors. There's no other reasonable explanation for the contradictory messages each side has sent about the status of the proposed-then-abandoned development at the racetrack.

Caruso announced last month he was withdrawing plans to build one of his "lifestyle" centers on underused parking lots at the racetrack after failing to get his way at an Albany City Council meeting. In follow-up letters to city officials and residents, he made crystal clear that he was moving on. In a letter dated July 19 addressed to Mayor Allan Maris, Caruso wrote: "This letter is to inform you that, given the events of Monday evening's council meeting, we have decided we no longer intend to submit a development application for our project at Golden Gate Fields."

Apparently, Caruso forgot to cc: Magna Entertainment Chairman Frank Stronach on that letter, or perhaps it got lost in Stronach's e-mail box. Because when investors asked Stronach a few days later for a status report on the Golden Gate Fields project, he replied that Caruso was hard at work winning over the city.

"He's got (a) great reputation, and he's working on that project," Stronach said. "Again, (we're) optimistic, and Rick Caruso's optimistic."

How can Caruso be optimistic about a project that doesn't exist? We find it baffling that the head of the company that owns Golden Gate Fields would not be aware of such a significant decision made on the part of his partner. Then again, maybe such a basic lack of communication explains in part why Magna continues to bleed red ink, and there's so much speculation around town about the long-term viability of the racetrack.

We'd like to think that Stronach was simply misinformed or confused about Caruso's intentions. It would be a sad indictment on his company if he deliberately misled investors. It would be equally sad if speculation about the other possible explanation proved true: That Caruso's announcement about leaving was simply a tactic to pressure the city into granting him concessions.

Speculation to that effect had been circulating around the city, particularly among Caruso's opponents, even before Stronach's comments became known. They pointed to Caruso's experience in Glendale, where he announced two years ago he was pulling out of a project only to return a short while later after the city gave in to his demands.

We were disappointed by Caruso's decision not to proceed with filing a development application. It would have given the community a chance to weigh the pros and cons of a viable plan for the waterfront, and decide whether it met the needs and interests of Albany. The city needs options for the waterfront, and Caruso's vision was, at the very least, intriguing.

But now that Caruso has said he's leaving, he should stay true to his word. The people of Albany don't deserve to be strung along or used as pawns in a political battle. Besides, returning to the table at this point would only further divide the community and raise legitimate questions about Caruso's credibility.

Nevertheless, we remain perplexed as to why he decided to abruptly cancel his plans after investing so much time, effort and money into this project. Although the city declined to guarantee the completion of an environmental impact report for the project, there was no reason to believe it wouldn't have processed and reviewed Caruso's application fairly and thoroughly, just as it would any other development proposal. If Caruso's plan truly met the high standards he boasted of, he should have remained confident that the city would complete the EIR regardless of the council's decision not to grant his proposal a special guarantee. Was Caruso really surprised that the city would balk at approving a resolution that was authored by his own lawyers, particularly given the controversial nature of the project?

We wouldn't be surprised if there's more than meets the eye to Caruso's decision. But whatever was behind the announcement to leave, we hope it was made sincerely and that he truly has no intention of pursuing his plans for Golden Gate Fields. And we hope he can also manage to get the word to his partner in Toronto before Magna's next conference call with investors.

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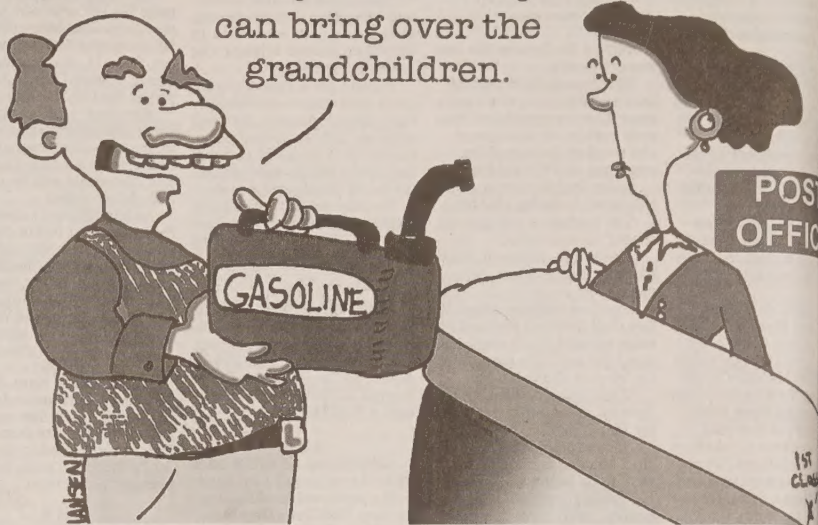
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Surprising capitulation?

The news that the Los Angeles mall developer will not submit an application to build a lifestyle center shopping mall on the Albany waterfront seems, at first, to be a surprising development.

After more than one year of wooing Albany residents with visions of an upscale shopping experience and streams of tax revenue filling the public coffers, the developer appeared frustrated by the City Council decision to process his application in the same manner it deals with all developer proposals.

A resolution written by Caruso lawyers, which would have given his proposal special treatment, failed to pass. All of the council members asked Caruso to submit his plan; apparently this was not good enough.

Is this the end of the "lifestyle center?" Twice, in Southern California, city councils failed to give Caruso concessions he wanted, and there was a similar "I'm out of here" reaction. His "heartbroken" supporters responded with outrage and councils capitulated to his demands.

I think (and hope) Albany residents are more sophisticated about this kind of manipulation than the shopping lifestyle lovers of Southern California. But only time will tell.

If this is the end of the mall, I say, "So long, Mr. Caruso, and thanks for all the coffee." While his proposal for Albany generated a lot of neighbor vs. neighbor animosity, it also has helped to trigger a discussion in this town about what it is Albany wants and needs along its shoreline.

It is my hope we might finally begin a city-generated, not developer-generated, planning process for our waterfront.

Peter Maass
Albany

A misnomer

Several things concerned me about a mailing I received from Concerned Albany Neighbors.

The letter called the Albany waterfront initiative a "takeover attempt by special-interest groups." It's troubling to see environmental concerns often labeled as special-interest groups, considering we are all deeply connected to the earth and depend upon it for our very existence.

Our environment needs special safeguards to protect it from interests for profit. Environmental concerns should not be considered special interests, but the interests of all of us. Unfortunately, that is not always the case; therefore, we need the watch-guard groups to safeguard us and remind us of our responsibilities.

Financial gains can drive us to make decisions without the proper consideration for the environment and our future. It seems to me that in this situation the special interests that we need to be aware of are Golden Gate Fields and Magna Entertainment. I have concerns about letting the groups who are poised to profit do the majority of the planning, even if we are given the choice to refuse in the end.

I also am confused when the people supporting the initiative are considered "dominated by people who do not live in Albany," according to the correspondence from CAN. It seems very clear to me that

Golden Gate Fields and Magna are the groups dominated by people from out of town.

Susan Adame
Albany

Disinformation

They're back. The same cast of characters who brought us "Concerned Albany Citizens" in 2004 has returned this year as "Concerned Albany Neighbors," or CAN.

Concerned Albany Citizens was a political committee formed for the sole purpose of distributing an attack letter (rather vicious, I might add) against two anti-mall Albany City Council candidates in 2004.

CAN was formed for the purpose of attacking the Albany waterfront initiative and supporting City Council candidates who oppose it (The Journal, July 14).

Whatever the name, the message is the same: Disinformation. Ask the members of CAN who, among them, hasn't hosted a Caruso coffee in their home or spoken publicly in favor of waterfront development.

If they were truly Concerned Albany Neighbors, they would honor the wishes of their 2,400 neighbors who asked to have the initiative placed on the ballot. Maybe next year they'll return with a more fitting name, such as CAMP, Concerned Albany Mall Proponents, or perhaps, SOLD, Stop Opposition from Limiting Development.

Cheryl Taubenfeld
Albany

Albany must face reality

I was shocked by the misinformation in a number of the letters I read in the Aug. 4 Journal, both about the initiative and the nature of the waterfront debate itself.

The initiative was rightfully thrown off the ballot by a judge. The rules to notify the public about an initiative are simple and straightforward, and the proponents blew it. The proponents cry foul, claiming this is a technicality. But the same people who were asking us, through the initiative, to give them control of the waterfront couldn't even follow the basic rules to get an initiative qualified. (One of them is now running for City Council). That should make us all wary.

The city initiated a study that said flat out the initiative was likely unconstitutional.

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The judge did us a favor by throwing off the ballot, because had it passed, Albany would have been subjected to a lawsuit that would have bankrupted the city. It would be the taxpayers, not the initiative proponents, who would have been on the hook to pay for the defense.

Rick Caruso would do us a favor coming back (which, unfortunately, I think he will). The city blew it by driving him away. Some in this town are willing to overtime to preserve the sanctity of acres of aging asphalt, while I walk yet one more nail salon on Solano Avenue on my way to the ballot box to vote more tax the city is asking me to supply.

We need a real strategy for the city. That's a lot bigger than a pie-in-the-sky concept for a park on the waterfront for which there is no money, and which will actually take money away from city and our schools.

We need much bigger thinking than that proposed by an intellectually impaired few who think that driving out the largest taxpayer, Golden Gate Fields, is the path to the land of milk and honey.

Michael M.

A curious statement

Apparently the argument concerning development on the Albany shoreline got a lot simpler when the Canyon owner of Golden Gate Fields told holders he is confident that the project will be completed.

This is curious, since the Albany waterfront initiative was thrown out of technicality, not on a change in the timent of Albany residents.

One is left to ask a simple question: What's that all about?

Stefanie K.

On court decision

On Aug. 4, in an article on the decision striking down a proposed initiative on the Albany waterfront for complying with state election laws, reporter quoted one of the initiative backers as saying the initiative would have protected the waterfront.

Actually, the purpose of the initiative was to prohibit Albany residents from voting on whether they wanted any activities at the waterfront that would generate sufficient revenue for the city for purchasing the land, maintaining space, or funding Albany educational police and fire services.

The initiative also stated that the thors, rather than the highly qualified Albany Planning and Zoning Commission, would determine whether proposals the waterfront violated the comprehensive requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act and the Rules of Engineers.

The initiative would have resulted in increased expenses for Albany taxpayers, as the initiative's backers, lacking even the minimal legal expertise necessary to understand the requirements of getting a measure on the ballot, would have floundered through state and federal regulations related to developing waterfront properties.

Stephanie T.

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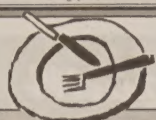
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#7 ~ one enchilada and one taco \$9.95
#8 ~ one Chile Relleno and one taco \$9.75
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Sketches

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stretch of Moeser Lane about midnight when two men walked up the hill and approached the car.

"The suspects both approached on the driver's side," El Cerrito Detective Cpl. Don Horgan said. "There was no conversation. One stuck a gun through the window."

Reggi grabbed the barrel of the gun, started the car and began driving. The gunman fired one round, fatally wounding him. The car rolled about a block down Moeser before crashing into a parked car and a shrub.

The witness got out and hid, Horgan said. After hearing people run off down the hill, she sought help. Police say the attack probably began as a robbery attempt.

Because she was distraught

and because detectives did not believe she had a clear look at the attackers, they did not ask her to sit with a police sketch artist.

Reggi's family recently learned that she had seen the suspect and could describe them, and called a well-regarded sketch artist who is a police officer in the Salinas area. The artist then called El Cerrito police, who arranged for the witness to meet the artist.

Police described the shooter as a dark-complexioned black teenager, about 16. His companion was a black teen about the same age, who was skinny and wore twinties in his hair.

"There's two faces involved now," Franco Reggi said "It's not just anonymous murder."

Staff writer Justin Hill contributed to this story. Reach Karl Fischer at 510-262-2728 or kfischer@cctimes.com.

Election

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any development near the shoreline, including Citizens for the Albany Shoreline.

Last month, Caruso abruptly announced he was withdrawing the retail/housing proposal after the City Council failed to grant him concessions.

Marge Atkinson, co-chairwoman of Citizens for the Albany Shoreline, has taken a leave from the organization so she can run her campaign. She said she wants a park and open space on the land. Atkinson said there would have to be some sort of replacement revenues if the racetrack leaves, but any development should be done in a way that doesn't interfere with the shoreline.

Joanne Wile, who is also a member of Citizens for the Albany Shoreline, said she wants primarily open space and park. There would have to be development to replace the revenues lost if the racetrack closes, she said, but something smaller than the Caruso proposal.

Caryl O'Keefe, who retired in June as an economist with the Department of Labor, said she would consider proposals for the parking lots where Caruso's project was proposed.

"I would be open to looking at a proposal from the property owner," she said. "Not saying we'd do it, but look at it."

Francesco Papalia, an Albany

real estate agent, said he believes there should be a range of options for the waterfront, where there has to be "a balance between open space and development." He noted that the voters would have to approve any development.

"I believe that they'll make the right choice," Papalia said.

In El Cerrito, meanwhile, both council members up for re-election are in the running. Mayor Janet Abelson is running for a third term, breaking a decades-long tradition of council members seeking only two terms, and Councilwoman Sandi Potter is launching her own re-election bid.

The pair face challengers Andrew Ting, a school teacher, and David Boisvert, a scientist and businessman who was secretary of the city's Financial Advisory Board this year and last year.

Ting decided to run, he said, because he cares about the city and wants to serve his community. Boisvert said he wants to better communicate the budget to El Cerrito residents.

In Kensington, residents have their choice of two incumbents

— Pat McLaughlin and Bruce Morrow — and three challengers for three seats on the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board.

Among the challengers is retired concert promoter Danny Scher, who led a controversial fight to allow fund-raising concerts in his Kensington back yard. Scher's concerts in his 250-seat backyard amphitheater on Coventry Road drew complaints from residents, who said the shows bring down property values and are disruptive to the community. Others, however, said Scher has provided a needed venue for fund-raising events in the area while minimizing neighborhood disruption.

Last year, a Superior Court judge in California threw out three county fines against Scher for three concerts he held in 2004, and awarded him nearly \$29,000 in attorney fees. The county also passed an ordinance last year regulating such concerts in unincorporated areas.

Cindy Kimball, a commercial airline pilot, and Bill Wright, a small business owner, are also

running. A third incumbent, Wood, is not running.

Break-in

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which covers the Comminty Project, appeared not to be working properly, Rhea said.

That will be fixed, he said. The Community Project portable was not the only building entered. Three classrooms and the counselors' portable were also entered.

Several items were stolen from the Community Project, including a computer, a small refrigerator, a wall clock, four sofas, three large stuffed chairs, three phones, three floor lamps, an answering machine, a coffee table, an arm chair and office supplies.

Rhea said a TV and a DVD player appeared to have been taken from a classroom.

In addition to the theft, textbooks, educational materials and a couple of computers were damaged. A bookcase was broken, and a fire extinguisher was sprayed in two or three of the rooms.

Despite the destruction, Rhea said the school will be ready when school starts Aug. 28.

"It's very alarming," he said. "We've just got to find every way to secure this site."

The school currently consists of portable buildings while the main campus is being rebuilt. The gates on the campus perimeter are

now being chained at night, and the school has begun installing door guards on all the doors.

The door guard project, which will cost about \$1,000, was expected to be completed by mid-September.

Rhea said the school is going to take "every precaution to make sure it doesn't happen again."

The Community Project, too, is considering taking some security precautions. Rader said it is looking at installing its own lock on the outside door.

She also said she was grateful for the community's support. Several people have offered to donate items.

The Community Project is seeking money or computers no more than four years old to replace the computer stolen this month and one stolen in May.

Donors can write a check to the Community Project, with burglary fund entered in the memo line, and mail it to the high school, 540 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530. Those who would like to donate can contact Rader at 510-527-4104.

"It's a zero-sum game," Rader said. "Every hour that we spend looking for a couch is an hour we're not spending getting ready for the school year."

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Church

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In 2003, Unity moved to the Sweden Borgians church in El Cerrito. It moved again the following year to its present location, a site owned by the Community in Christ church in North Berkeley.

"They're a 'reorganized' Mormon group," said Keel. "They ordain women, and they're very ecumenical and gay-friendly, just like us. Very lovely people."

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ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: The prestigious architectural firm of Miller & Warnecke designed this Mediterranean-style gem on Wildwood Avenue in Piedmont.

Miller & Warnecke designed Piedmont Mediterranean-style home

DENNIS EVANOSKY

SECTION EDITOR

Miller & Warnecke designed their relationship with the firm that lasted until Miller's death in 1961. Warnecke had studied at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris and apprenticed under Maynebeck after returning to the U.S. He worked the Palace of the Arts with Maynebeck and on the San Francisco City Hall.

According to City of Oakland records, "The firm hit a good stride for the building boom that set in" in the 1920s.

"After a start in residential work, the firm began to get contracts for the larger structures for which they later became noted."

These structures included the Tudor Hall Apartments, Women's City Club and the Hill Castle Apartments. In 1929 the firm won a na-

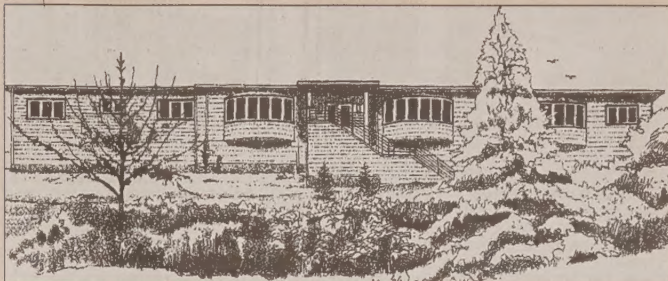
tional prize for its design of Castlemont High School.

"Although nearly all architectural offices in Oakland closed during the Great Depression, Miller & Warnecke decided to remain open," say the records. "Though barely active, the firm emerged in the late '30s as one of Oakland's leading architectural firms."

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Real Estate Spotlight:

El Cerrito home overlooks Mira Vista Golf & Country Club



A RARE FIND: The new home at 1426 Club View Drive in El Cerrito fronts and overlooks the links at the Mira Vista Golf & Country Club. This dazzling contemporary has fabulous views, and was constructed with the finest materials and craftsmanship. This magnificent home encompasses 4,300 square feet on one level; four-person elevator connects to the garage level. Dramatic 14-foot curved bay windows provide not only breathtaking views but connect the home inside and nature outside. The architectural design was inspired by Richard Neutra's Atwell House which sits on the lot above. The site, high on the hill, was picked for its natural beauty and privacy. There are four bedrooms, a private study, four and one-half bathrooms and three fireplaces. The main kitchen has cherry cabinetry, two Jenn-Air dishwashers, a Sub-Zero refrigerator and a Gaggenau cooktop and double ovens. The adjacent family room has a high-definition flat-screen television and theater surround sound. The au-pair suite has its own private entry but can also be opened to the main house. Home is situated in a quiet, park-like community accessed by private roads.

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Real Estate Focus:

Showcase villa offers timeless beauty, elegance



SET ALONG A LUSH CANYON with trees, a creek and its own private bridge, the four-plus-bedroom, two-and-one-half-bath Tuscan-style villa at 75 Vicente Road in Berkeley shows timeless beauty and graceful elegance. Unique architectural details and salvaged objects in the home include massive recycled wood beams, an Italian travertine fireplace and Ming-green slate floor. Amenities include radiant heated floors, a luxurious master suite with a Jacuzzi tub overlooking the creek and re-circulating hot water. The commercial kitchen with a refurbished six-burner stove, Verona marble back splash, and concrete counters makes this a home that feels like a resort. Afternoons can be spent on the private, expansive balconies; evenings in the home theater complete with film screen. The home offers a timeless feeling of Italy or the South of France, yet it is only moments from all the attractions of city living. This showcase home is close to coffee at Peets, brunch at Rick and Ann's or a tennis match at the Claremont. Architect Scott Wynn and builder Randy Pollack teamed up to build this home in 1999 with fastidious attention to both comfortable living and structural integrity. The 3,580 square-foot home rests on a dramatic 12,240-square-foot wooded lot.

Price: \$1,695,000

Listing agent: Tory Flynn, Maison Nouveaux, 510-849-9900

Navigating the ups and downs in the economy

Changes in the economy occur regularly, but unfortunately they rarely follow any set schedule and they can be hard to predict. At times you may wish you could figure out some way to know when economic conditions were about to change, or what adjustments you should make in your portfolio when a shift appeared to be on the horizon.

It's a tricky topic, and even economists disagree about the nature and causes of economic cycles. But we can at least take a look at some of the issues you need to be aware of and help familiarize you with how it all works.

Some people tend to refer to changes in overall economic conditions as "economic cycles" or "business cycles." However, it could be a misnomer to label these changes this way. Because they are not, in fact, predictably cyclical, some economists prefer to call them "economic fluctuations." Regardless of the terminology you choose to identify them with, changes in economic activity generally follow four phases:

Advance or expansion. When times are good and the economy is growing, we typically see indications such as falling unemployment rates and factories taking advantage of excess capacity, to name a couple. While the news during this phase is typically positive,

you may soon start to see signs of problems ahead. If inflationary pressures begin to creep in, this is typically when the Fed raises interest rates to help keep the economy from overheating.

Peak. By the time we get to this point, the economy tends to be operating at full employment, factories have used up their excess capacity, and inflationary pressures are building. When rising labor and materials costs squeeze companies' profit margins, the Fed will usually move more aggressively to slow growth by raising rates to help ease inflationary pressure.

Decline, slowdown or recession. Ideally, action by the Fed to tame inflation should allow the economy to gradually adjust to a sustainable long-term growth rate without the threat of inflation. In reality, however, the combination of the Fed's tightening and the need to correct accumulated imbalances in labor and materials supplies typically slows growth to a level that is actually below the economy's long-term potential. Unemployment rises, factories slow down, and inflationary pressures ease.

Trough. At this point in the cycle, inventories are depleted. The Fed lowers interest rates to help stimulate the economy, and businesses and homeowners' refinancing mortgages to take advantage of lower



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rates. Companies will eventually purchase new equipment and expand operations, helping

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BARRELL CEILING: The home at 334 Wildwood Ave. in Piedmont has a comfortable living room that features a barrel ceiling and fireplace.

Home

FROM PAGE B1

The reason for Miller & Warnecke's predominance in the late 1930s as one of the area's leading architectural firms is evident in their design of the Mediterranean-style home at 334 Wildwood Ave. in Piedmont.

One enters the home through a charming courtyard. The four-bedroom, three-and-one-half-bath home features wood-paneled doors and a step-down living room with a barrel ceiling. There are handsome in-laid hardwood floors throughout.

An inviting breakfast nook can be found just off the updated kitchen. Miller & Warnecke included a gracious formal dining room and a library in their design.

Downstairs on the lower level, one finds a media/rumpus room with "retro" details.

A look at the style

BY DENNIS EVANOSKY
SECTION EDITOR

The inspiration for the Mediterranean style finds its roots in the countries that ring the western Mediterranean. These include Italy, Spain and Islamic North Africa.

This style is right at home here as the California's coastal climate is classified as Mediterranean. The natural setting here resembles the climate there.

Architects and builders began to apply the term Mediterranean Revival to designs that used elements found outside Spain and its colonies.

By the 1920s, Hollywood had exposed its audiences to styles prevalent around the Mediter-

anean, and even theaters had taken on designs.

The architectural firm of Miller & Warnecke incorporated Mediterranean-style into their design at 334 Wildwood Ave. in Piedmont. The

- Low-pitched roof
- Red roof tiles
- Little or no overhang
- Stucco siding
- Arches, especially doors, porch entries and windows.

As time passed, the revival styles have become an architectural stage. The Mediterranean-style has always held architects and designers

VITAL STATISTICS

What: A 3,580 square-foot Spanish Mediterranean-style home on a 5,633 square-foot lot
Bedrooms: Four
Bathrooms: Three and one-partial
Features: This Miller-Warnecke-designed home at 334 Wildwood Ave. in Piedmont has on hardwood floors, wood-paneled doors and a step-down living room with a barrel ceiling, a front garden courtyard and a rear patio and garden.
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While the county building de-
partment people seemed to think a
lot split might be possible, the whole
area is on septic systems, and the
portion of the land that would be
split off contains the septic tank and
field for the house. These would
have to be relocated closer to the
house. The resulting lot would be
narrow and smaller than standard.
Also, privacy for both lots would be
severely compromised.

Our visitor showed us photos
of the house, quite a charming
place with its wide front porch, turn-
of-the-century clear heart redwood
interior and fir floors. He told us
what is wrong with it. The heat is
poor, many windows have rotted,
the septic system needs work. And
biggest of all, powder post beetles
have been chomping on the struc-
tural members for a long, long time.
There are so many beetles that the
inspector who looked at the house
thinks that the house will need to
be tented and fumigated.

We now talked about the very
heart of the matter. Why keep the
house? Does the man's family use
the house? Do they love it, are will-
ing to sacrifice to keep it?

Our visitor had gone to a lot of
trouble, spent a lot of time looking
at his options. Was this because he
can't bear to let the property go to
new owners?

No one, he told us, has used the
house much in recent years. The



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location is a number of hours from
where all the family members live
and they're all busy with their own
lives. They like the idea of going
there, but they seldom go.

It's fun to be near the ocean in
the summer, but because the house
is not insulated, it's cold and un-
comfortable in winter. The only part
of the family to occupy the house
for more than a few days in the last
few years has been the sister, and
she's the one who wants to sell.

"So," we asked, "is anyone go-
ing to feel terrible if the house is
sold?"

"No," was the answer. "But the
house was built by my grandfather.
It just seems a shame not to keep
it in the family."

"It is too bad," we said, "that the
house has become so valuable.
Your grandfather couldn't have
anticipated that happening. If it were
worth only \$30,000 or \$50,000, you
wouldn't have a problem."

"But as it is, the bad news is
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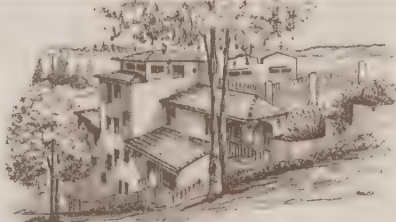


SURROUNDED BY MATURE TREES on one of the most celebrated paths in the North Berkeley hills this home at 2518 Rose Walk is definitely a hidden treasure. Bernard Maybeck designed the adjacent pedestrian walkway lined with rose beds and replete with curved double staircase in 1913. Architect Henry Gutterson designed the three bedroom, one-and-one-half bath single-level home. The home features a new Spanish tiled roof and an English chimney. Gutterson's unique designs, including stucco on the lower half and wood on the upper portion of the exterior, perpetuate key elements of the Berkeley character. A very spacious living room with a brick fireplace and intricate vaulted ceiling opens to a quaint formal dining room. The 1930s kitchen was recently renovated to accommodate new high-end appliances, cherry cabinets, granite countertops and a computer desk. Several French doors lead out to a secluded and peaceful Japanese garden and patio. Mature plants and trees add to the charm and offer a sense of privacy. A detached garage on Euclid Avenue is included. View the home online at www.2518rosewalk.com

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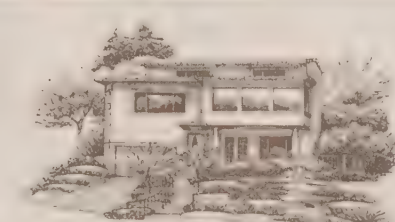
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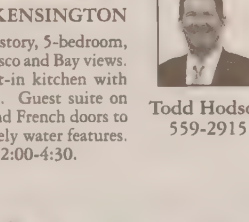
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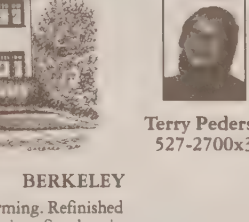
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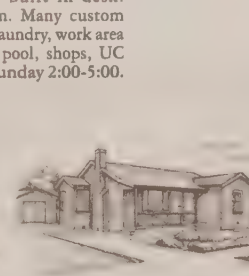
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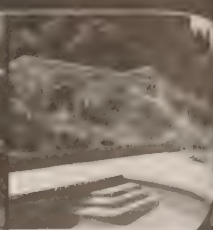
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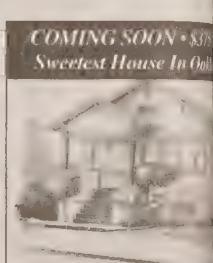


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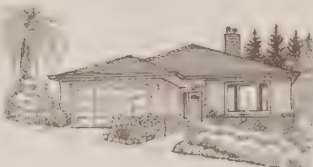
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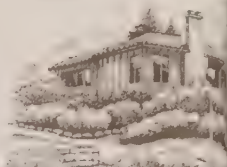
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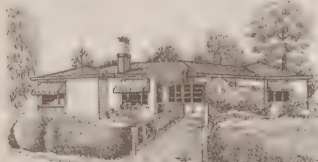
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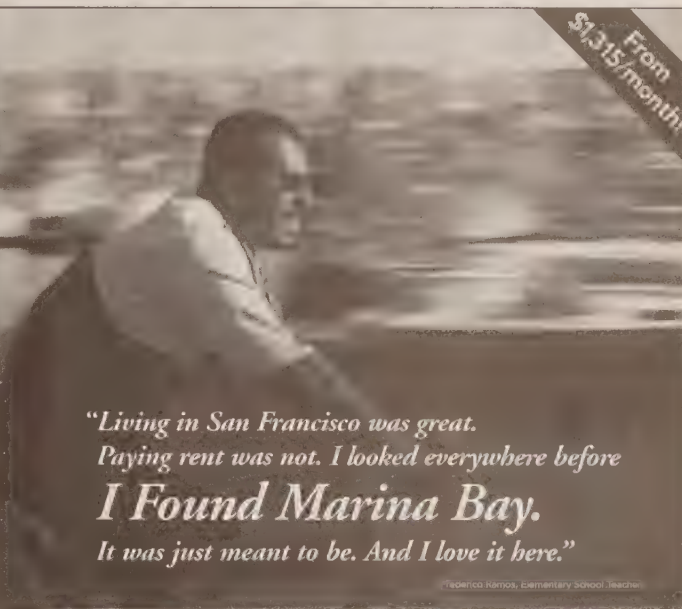
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These are mark your calendars items. The NAR Annual Realtors Conference & Expo is Nov. 10 to 13. The host city is New Orleans. The next California Association of Realtors "Realtor Expo" is scheduled for Oct. 17 to 19 in Long Beach. Reservation Information is www.car.org.

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Inventories to grow and marking the beginning of a new expansion.

As you can see, there are some telltale signs that can at least give some idea of where the economy is in its cycle. However, to make matters more complicated for you as an investor, the stock market tends to move in advance of the economy, usually in response to investors' anticipation of what they see down the road. The biggest challenge is knowing when the shift to the next phase will occur because predicting the market and the economy is a bit like forecasting the weather.

As an investor, your level of concern for economic fluctuations will depend on several factors. You may pay less attention to them if you have a long time horizon and your portfolio is positioned to weather the ups and downs. Alternatively, you may be able to enhance your returns if you can figure out how to sell investments that do poorly in the next anticipated phase and purchase those that typically do well. Working with a financial consultant could prove valuable if you decide to employ such a strategy.

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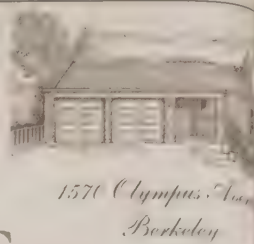


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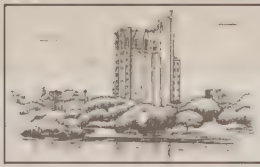
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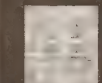
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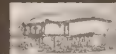


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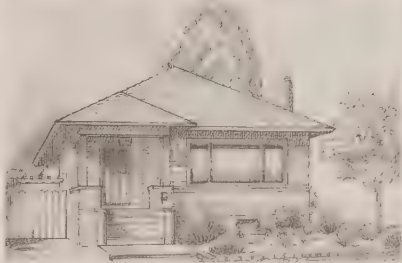
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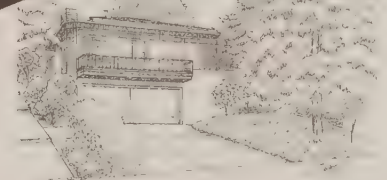


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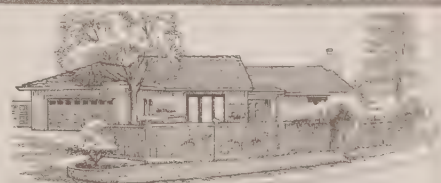


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8039 Broadway Terrace, Oakland - Offered at \$899,000

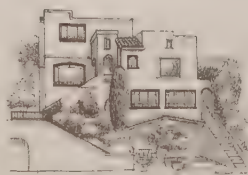
This all level home, built in 1993, has Bay views and a terrific Great Room floor plan. The spacious open rooms all flow out to the beautiful enclosed yard and gardens with a wonderful covered deck. This home is well designed for easy living and gracious entertaining. Two large bedrooms including master suite, two baths.

Sandi Klemmer

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CROCKER HIGHLANDS

OPEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2-4:30 PM



NEW LISTING!
1381 HOLMAN ROAD

Delightful light-filled 1920's home featuring 2BA, upper level master bedroom room with fireplace, many upgrades, new landscaped front garden, large back yard. Offered at \$789,000

1371 HOLMAN ROAD

Cheery 1920's Mediterranean awaits you! 2BR/1BA, newly remodeled kitchen with marble & beechwood counters, bathroom with tumbled marble, formal dining room, hardwood floors, fireplace. Offered at \$624,000



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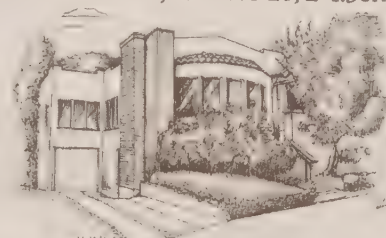
NEW UPPER ROCKRIDGE LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2-4:30PM



5377 Hilltop Crescent, Oakland
Offered at \$1,595,000

Wonderful mid-century with walls of glass to level-out patio with bay view. This serene setting has mature landscaping, a large fire pit, and privacy. Recent updating was done with attention to detail and good transitions between the old and new. Centrally located, just minutes from BART and SF freeways. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, chef's kitchen. Simply beautiful!

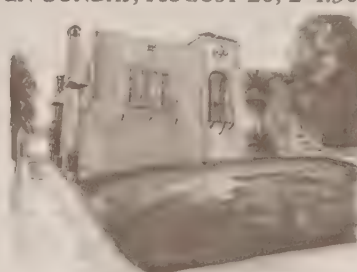
NEW BERKELEY LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2-4:30PM



1713 Capistrano Avenue, Berkeley
Offered at \$589,000

Wonderful Thousand Oaks fixer home on a great tree-lined street is waiting to be renovated and updated. Features a sensible floor plan, hardwood floors, a fireplace and dramatic bay front windows in the living room, and lots of closet space. The quaint back yard space is waiting for your green thumb. Go to www.jeffreyneidleman.com for more information.

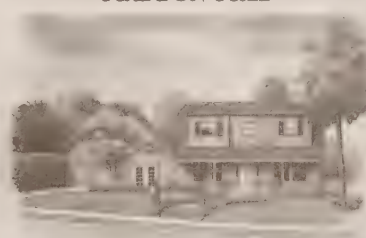
NEW CROCKER HIGHLANDS LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2-4:30PM



1136 Clarendon Crescent, Oakland
Offered at \$719,000

Don't miss this diamond in the rough fixer located in a prime Crocker Highlands area. This four bedroom, three bath home has about 2,319 square feet on an approximately 7,800 square foot lot. All you need is vision and sweat to restore this 1924 gem.

COMING SOON HADDON HILL



630 Haddon Road, Oakland
Offered at \$979,000

You'll feel right at home in this turn-of-the-century Dutch manor in prestigious Haddon Hill. Of course you'll "ooh" and "ahh" at the dazzling array of modern amenities, such as the remodeled kitchen and baths, this 3+ bedroom, 3 bath residence has to offer. Manicured hedges and gardens and the charm you associate with yesteryear.

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30



UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$2,500,000
55 MANCHESTER AVE.

Stunning 4+BR/4+BA Traditional w/fabulous Master bedroom w/fireplace, billiard room w/fireplace & 50s style soda fountain, separate entry, beautiful gardens. Francis Heath x1357

BERKELEY \$1,350,000
1600 EUCLID AVE.

Contemporary with sweeping San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge views. Vaulted ceiling, great home office. Nancy Noman x1373

NORTH BERKELEY \$1,150,000
1015 SHATTUCK AVE.

Charming large & lovingly maintained home close to Gourmet Gulch & Solano Ave. 5BR/3BA incl. 2nd floor suite, country kitchen, lush level yard, large pool deck. Tour @ GiniErck.com x1339



GRAND LAKE \$995,000
1000 MIRA VISTA AVE.

Stunning gem w/crown molding, lots of windows, beautiful vistas, built-ins & glass doors. 2-car garage, gardens, convenient location. 4+BR/2+BA. Donna DeBardi x1374

PIEDMONT \$975,000
1000 MORAGA AVE.

Remodeled 4BR/2BA level home is conveniently located close to schools & Piedmont Avenue. Beautiful interior, updated kitchen, generous-sized public room. Jeffrey Neidleman x1385



GLENVIEW \$949,000
4335 EVERETT AVE.

Stunning 1932 Mediterranean with superb architectural details throughout. 4BR/2+BA, updated kitchen, large family room opens to a deck & lawn. Additional studio space. Lori Lombardo x1377

OAKLAND \$945,000
431-433 SUNNYSLOPE AVE.

Georgious Craftsman Duplex with identical units. 2+ bedrooms, 1 bath each. Original details, fireplaces, formal dining rooms, ample parking, huge garden! Erika Celestre x1370



SAN LEANDRO \$859,000
720 LEE AVE.

Classic 1929 Tudor in Estanillo Estates. Updated kitchen & bath, gracious formal rooms, 3BR/1+BA, charming breakfast room, family room & expansion potential. Michelle Miller x1335

PLEASANT HILL \$839,000
113 HAZELTINE CIR.

New Listing! Stunning Julian Woods Traditional. 4BR/2.5BA. Designer landscaping, large kitchen, den, fireplace, 3-car garage. www.113HazelTine.com. Terilyn Medrano x1360

NORTH BERKELEY \$815,000
1151 KEELER AVE.

Enter Keeler from Shasta Rd. Rustic post & beam contemporary in country setting w/ spectacular bay views. 2BR/2BA, kitchen/family room, great potential. See More Tour @ www.GiniErck.com. x1339

ROCKRIDGE \$795,000
6456-6458 REGENT ST.

Fabulous fixer, rare opportunity. Bring your contractors. Three ++ bedrooms, four bathrooms. Great location near College Avenue and Elmwood. Nancy Moore x1302



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$789,000
1381 HOLMAN RD.

New Listing! Delightful 3BR/2BA home in Trestle Glen area. Upgraded kitchen with sliding glass doors, spacious master bedroom, large basement, garage. Dolores Thom x1364



GLENVIEW \$789,000
3860 GLEN PARK RD.

Wonderful 4BR/2BA Craftsman. Formal living & dining rooms with built-ins, large country kitchen with breakfast room. Deep backyard with fruit trees. Detached artist's studio. Christian Downer x1340



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$749,000
3567 REDWOOD RD.

Stately English with distinct architectural details. 3BR/1BA, hardwood floors, fireplace. Charming kitchen with breakfast room, wonderful home office, garden. Dwight McCan x1391



TEMESCAL \$659,000
442 43RD ST.

3BR/2BA. Pristine house in great neighborhood 4 blocks to BART & near Rockridge & Piedmont Ave districts. Spacious floor plan, level back yard, big eat-in kitchen. Sandi Klemmer x1314

JACK LONDON SQUARE \$649,000
311 OAK ST. PH7

(Sat/Sun 2-5) Chic 2BR/2BA penthouse with fabulous outdoor terrace. Sleek kitchen, hardwood floors, air conditioning. Luxury building with pool, gym, 2-car garage. Dana Dworin x1384

JACK LONDON SQUARE \$649,000
311 OAK ST. PH10

(Open 2-5) Luxury 2BR/2BA penthouse loft condo in The Sierra. Hardwood floors, limestone tiles, stainless appliances, wall of windows, private terrace. Jeffrey Himmel x1307



MONTCLAIR \$649,000
6301 PINEHAVEN RD.

Charming one level home in wooded setting. Detached garage, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Freshly painted & refinished hardwood floors. Wendy Ferrari x1303

OAKLAND \$639,000
1 LAKESIDE DR. #212

Luxurious updated lake view condominium at The Essex. Large unit with two bedrooms, two bathrooms. Jeffrey Neidleman x1385

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$624,000
1371 HOLMAN RD.

Cheery 1925 Mediterranean, 2BR/1BA, formal dining room, remodeled kitchen & bath, refinished hardwood floors, fireplace, landscaped front. Rear patio/garden, garage, patio. Dolores Thom x1364



PIEDMONT AVENUE \$575,000
1767 BRANDON ST.

Charming two bedroom, one bath cottage with sunny remodeled kitchen & stylish newer bath. Lovely garden and patio. Near Piedmont Avenue. Jennie A. Flanagan x1354

LAUREL \$550,000
3920 ENOS AVE.

New Listing! 2BR/1BA split-level on corner lot offering plenty of light, hardwood, formal dining room, kitchen nook, fenced rear yard w/deck, 1-car garage. Lee Jacobson x1309



EMERYVILLE \$549,000
1050 45TH ST.

Arts & Crafts tiled fireplace, built-ins, vintage stove, retro lino, 2 bedrooms, breakfast room, bonus room, full basement, landscaped garden. Lorri Arai x1330

ADAMS POINT \$235,000
150 PEARL ST. #118

(Open 2-5) New Listing! Sophisticated Zen Alcove Studio - West Elm meets Ikea. Newer kitchen, updated bathroom, newer carpet, freshly painted in designer colors. Peaceful patio. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

BY APPOINTMENT

OAKLAND HILLS \$3,995,000

Masterwork of modern art and workmanship. Approximately 4 bridge views. Grand courtyard. Spectacular de-se. Sumptuous theater and wine cellar. 4+BR/6+BA. David Ichikawa x1331

LAFAYETTE \$2,150,000

Ultra-sleek contemporary remodeled home w/legendary electric floor. Unique stainless steel kitchen, stone floors, chef's kitchen. Glass-walled pool deck & sweeping views. Steven Bisatt x1379

HILLCREST ESTATES \$1,695,000

On built traditional on 1+ acre. Gourmet kitchen w/finishing family room. 4+BR/4BA, swimming pool & expansive indoor-outdoor space. Sandi Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308



UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,649,000

Chic, contemporary on prime street. Uplifting design with high ceilings, fine details and generous spaces. 4BR/2+BA, game room, family room with fireplace. David Ichikawa x1331

OAKLAND HILLS \$1,270,000

Large Mediterranean style 4+BR/2.5BA, master suite, bay views, lovely deck & rear yard, dramatic entry, kitchen/family room combo. Formal dining room, office. www.4288TerraBella.com. Rich Gould x1347

BERKELEY \$960,000

2+BR/2+BA. Romantic brown shingle + cottage near Gourmet Gheto. San Francisco & Golden Gate views. Remodeled kitchen. Lush garden. Near Chez Panisse. Nancy Noman x1373

MONTCLAIR \$949,000

Dramatic 3BR/3BA Contemporary. Sunny & quiet. High ceilings throughout. Large living room, kitchen/family room combo, decks on each level. Top quality finishes. Dick Cohen x1308

NORTH BERKELEY \$900,000

Spectacular views and exquisite seclusion in a coveted neighborhood just up hill from U.C. 3BR/2BA plus 2 room office/au pair. Fixer! Conservatorship sale. See More Tour @ www.GiniErck.com. x1339

MILLS COLLEGE \$699,000

4BR/3BA 1926 "country farmhouse" set on .25+ acres. Rolling lawn, "secret" gardens, front porch with rocker, wooded & hill outlooks. Eat-in kitchen. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

BERKELEY \$650,000

Fabulous, sun-filled three-level live-work condominium, two-plus bedrooms, two-plus baths. Soaring ceilings. Dramatic! Nancy Noman x1373

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$645,000

New Priced Sweet 1940s home off Trestle Glen. Living room features picture window, fireplace & built-ins. Charming upgraded kitchen, remodeled bath, 2BR/1BA, hrdwd flrs. Dolores Thom x1364



MONTCLAIR \$899,000

All-level home with bay views & a terrific Great Room floor plan. Beautiful enclosed yard & gardens with wonderful covered deck. 2BR/2BA. Dick Cohen x1308 & Sandi Klemmer x1314

SAN LEANDRO \$584,000

Gorgeous updated craftsman. 2BR/1BA. Updated electrical, plumbing, heating, 2 year old roof, 2-car garage, gourmet kitchen with hardwood, granite, built-in benches. Michelle Miller x1335

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Beautifully restored 4-bedroom, 2-bath Temescal Craftsman. Redone inside and out. Many original details. Sunroom. Big backyard. Must see!

\$699,000

Heldi Kearsley 510-594-7455 x204



Off-street parking area and private yard. Front house is 2-bedroom, 1 bath with laundry room/sun porch. Back house is one bedroom, one bath with attached garage. All new kitchens and baths, great neighborhood, come take a look.

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Berkeley Fourplexes
2931-2933 Stanton St., Berkeley



2-bedroom, 1-bath lower unit. 2-bedroom, 1-bath upper unit. Large units. Lower unit completely renovated. Building in very nice condition.

\$510,000

Fred Perkins 510-594-7455 x202



Side-by-side fourplexes. All 2-bedroom units. Quality buildings near Ashby BART. Buy one or both.

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3 New Listings



1751 LIBERTY ST., #105, EL CERRITO

#276 - Commuter's Dream home! Walk to BART & Car Pool station from this centrally located Bright & Shiny multi units condo building. All modern conveniences are within walking distance. Come and take advantage of FREE RIDES

\$397,200



405 S. 49TH ST., RICHMOND

#201 - BEAUTIFUL TOTAL REMODEL! Near El Cerrito BART, Shopping & Freeways SPACIOUS, ALL NEW Kitchen (Granite counters, Appliances, Cabinets, Tile floor) All new Bath w/ Granite & Tile New Heating sys., Roof, Plumbing, Electrical & Dual Pane Fully Landscaped. LARGE yard w/ patio. BEST BUY IN TOWN!!!

\$449,900



BEST VALUE IN BAILEY RANCH!

#167 - Largest model in Bailey Ranch! Tons of useful living space in this contemporary home. Beautiful large tile floors in family room. Upgraded master bathroom with jetted tub. Walking distance from new elementary school, country club, trails with sweeping view of the bay

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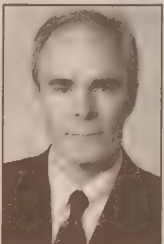
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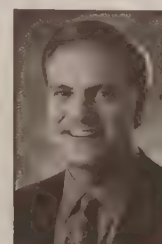
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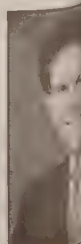
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114 ALTA AVENUE \$1,445,000
A very special architect-designed & recently-built Piedmont home! With stunning hill views & an open floor plan, this spacious home has 4BR/3BA & large rumpus room. Mavis Delacroix



142 ARBOR DRIVE \$1,385,000
Charming Piedmont home w/exquisite architectural details. 4BR & 2 new elegant baths, granite kitchen & family room w/access to the lovely patio & gardens. Near all schools. Elizabeth Dickson



40 PROSPECT ROAD \$1,225,000
Gracious, architecturally significant 4BR/2.5BA Mediterranean. Light-filled eat-in-kitchen opens level-out to private patio. Gorgeous living room w/vaulted ceiling. Karen Starr

OAKLAND - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



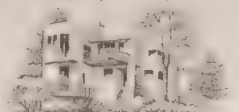
970 ALVARADO ROAD \$1,395,000
Contemporary Craftsman. Sophisticated, light & inviting spaces. 3BR/3BA or 2BR/2BA w/legal 1BR/1BA apartment. Bay views. Casually elegant, appealing in every way. Ruth Frassetto



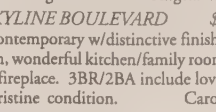
7270 SAYRE DRIVE \$819,000
A very special Montclair home w/huge decks & level garden w/lawn! A spacious in-law w/separate entrance. 4BR/2BA Tranquil & serene and close to Montclair Village. Angela Wei Grubb



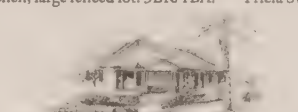
1500 HAMPEL STREET \$685,000
Sweet bungalow PLUS studio w/bath & kitchenette. Near Glenview shops & schools. Many updates; beautiful details; mahogany floors; renovated kitchen; large fenced lot. 3BR/1BA. Tricia Swift



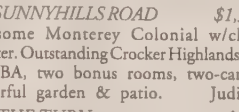
1037 AQUARIUS WAY \$1,350,000
Dramatic ultra-modern contemporary nestled in the Montclair hills. Pure clean architecture in a serene, verdant setting. Level lawn, spa & serene views. A true masterpiece. Jill Carrigan



7535 SKYLINE BOULEVARD \$799,000
Newer contemporary w/distinctive finishes. Open floor plan, wonderful kitchen/family room & living room w/fireplace. 3BR/2BA include lovely master suite. Pristine condition. Carolyn Jones



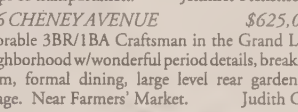
44 KINGWOOD ROAD \$795,000
This contemporary home offers an open floor plan w/large bay window overlooking oak trees & striking Bay views, stunning gourmet kitchen, master suite w/den. Great outdoor living. Sherry Benninger



1154 SUNNYHILLS ROAD \$1,345,000
Handsomeness Monterey Colonial w/charm & character. Outstanding Crocker Highlands location. 4BR/3BA, two bonus rooms, two-car garage, wonderful garden & patio. Judith Cain



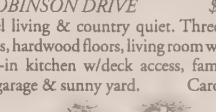
10 CORTEZ COURT \$759,000
Sensational 3BR/3BA Montclair contemporary w/ stunning Bay views, public rooms open to large wrap-around deck, spacious family room, garden patio & level entrance. Dana Cohen



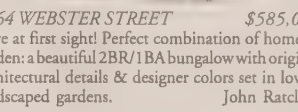
3838 LA CRESTA AVENUE \$659,000
Lovely Glenview bungalow w/wonderful period details & upgrades. 2+BR/2BA. Sunny kitchen opens to deck & garden. New foundation. Near Park Blvd. shops & transportation. Jennifer Fickenscher



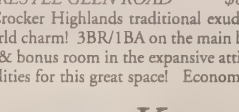
6875 THE TURN \$949,000
This beautifully designed home has dramatic interior spaces perfect for entertaining. Master suite w/ custom dressing room & elegant bath. 2BR, kitchen/ family & library w/wet bar. Michelle Winchester



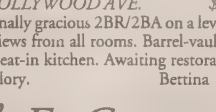
3520 ROBINSON DRIVE \$759,000
One-level living & country quiet. Three spacious bedrooms, hardwood floors, living room w/fireplace, huge eat-in kitchen w/deck access, family room, two-car garage & sunny yard. Carolyn Jones



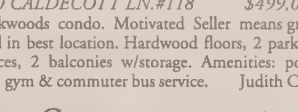
3764 WEBSTER STREET \$585,000
Love at first sight! Perfect combination of home & garden: a beautiful 2BR/1BA bungalow with original architectural details & designer colors set in lovely landscaped gardens. John Ratcliffe



924 TRESTLE GLEN ROAD \$849,000
This Crocker Highlands traditional exudes classic old world charm! 3BR/1BA on the main level with a bath & bonus room in the expansive attic. Great possibilities for this great space! Economides/Hill



1125 HOLLYWOOD AVE. \$749,000
Exceptionally gracious 2BR/2BA on a level lot. Bay & Hill views from all rooms. Barrel-vaulted entry, spacious eat-in kitchen. Awaiting restoration to its former glory. Bettina Balestrieri



750 OAKLAND AVE. #201 \$525,000
Rare corner condo in coveted 22 unit building near Piedmont, Rose Garden, Piedmont Ave. cafes, easy SF commute. Large 2BR/2BA w/exquisite remodeled kitchen & baths. Katherine Cooper

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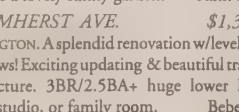
1130 SHATTUCK AVE. \$1,995,000
BERKELEY. A grand 1930's John Hudson Thomas. Exquisite Craftsman details. Chef's kitchen & gracious proportions. A true Berkeley gem. Bay views & a lovely sunny garden. Ruth Frassetto



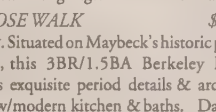
1570 OLYMPUS AVENUE \$899,000
BERKELEY. Contemporary home on coveted cul-de-sac near Tilden Park w/exceptional privacy & expansive Bay views! Deck, 3BR++/2.5BA, den, office & two-car garage. Ford/Plowright



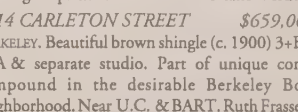
1525 KEONCREST DRIVE \$725,000
BERKELEY. A terrific property near Hopkins St. shops, this 2BR split-level home has extra space as an office or den. The back garden is perfect for lawn bowling or picnics. Diane Verducci



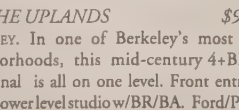
200 AMHERST AVE. \$1,350,000
KENSINGTON. A splendid renovation w/level entry & Bay views! Exciting updating & beautiful traditional architecture. 3BR/2.5BA+ huge lower level for office, studio, or family room. Bebe McRae



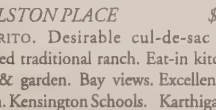
2518 ROSE WALK \$875,000
BERKELEY. Situated on Maybeck's historic pedestrian walkway, this 3BR/1.5BA Berkeley landmark combines exquisite period details & architectural delights w/modern kitchen & baths. Dana Cohen



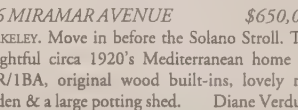
2214 CARLETON STREET \$659,000
BERKELEY. Beautiful brown shingle (c. 1900) 3+BR/2BA & separate studio. Part of unique condo compound in the desirable Berkeley Bowl neighborhood. Near U.C. & BART. Ruth Frassetto



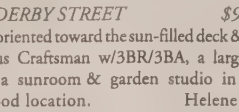
175 THE UPLANDS \$950,000
BERKELEY. In one of Berkeley's most coveted neighborhoods, this mid-century 4+BR/2+BA traditional is all on one level. Front entrance w/ patio. Lower level studio w/BR/BA. Ford/Plowright



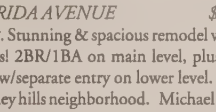
709 GELSTON PLACE \$849,000
EL CERRITO. Desirable cul-de-sac location. Remodeled traditional ranch. Eat-in kitchen leads to deck & garden. Bay views. Excellent all level floor plan. Kensington Schools. Karthiga Anandan



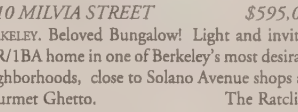
826 MIRAMAR AVENUE \$650,000
BERKELEY. Move in before the Solano Stroll. This delightful circa 1920's Mediterranean home has 2BR/1BA, original wood built-ins, lovely rose garden & a large potting shed. Diane Verducci



2830 DERBY STREET \$950,000
Living oriented toward the sun-filled deck & garden! Spacious Craftsman w/3BR/3BA, a large family room, a sunroom & garden studio in a great Elmwood location. Helene Barkin



44 FLORIDA AVENUE \$750,000
BERKELEY. Stunning & spacious remodel w/glorious Bay views! 2BR/1BA on main level, plus room & full bath w/separate entry on lower level. Beautiful N. Berkeley hills neighborhood. Michael Friedman



1110 MILVIA STREET \$595,000
BERKELEY. Beloved Bungalow! Light and inviting 2BR/1BA home in one of Berkeley's most desirable neighborhoods, close to Solano Avenue shops and Gourmet Ghetto. The Ratcliffes

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TOP OF THE WORLD \$5,000,000
OAKLAND. Stunning estate w/spectacular views plus a 2BR apartment. Spectacular level garden & lawns. Beautiful finishes & details. K.Buchholz/A. Tunney

MEDITERRANEAN \$1,850,000
Elegant Miller Warnecke Mediterranean w/4BR/3+BA, media room & garden. Elizabeth Dickson

SPACIOUS CRAFTSMAN \$1,095,000
PIEDMONT. VINTAGE charm. Spacious formal rooms. Eat-in kitchen. 3+BR/2BA. Carol Brown

ELEGANT! \$2,950,000
PIEDMONT. Perfectly sited on private property, this well proportioned home has been restored to perfection with original detail. Mindy Scott

CLEAN AS A WHISTLE! \$1,335,000
PIEDMONT. 3+BR/3.5BA, guest suite, contemporary new kitchen, garden room & spa. Mindy Scott

UPDATED & UPBEAT \$998,000
PIEDMONT. Hip-mid century. Private garden, updated kitchen & baths. 4BR/2.5BA. Debra Dryden

VALLEY OF THE MOON \$2,195,000
BERKELEY. Gated, private & serene 3BR/2+BA, 2 offices, family room & state-of-art kitchen, oversized property & Tilden views. The Ratcliffes

CONTEMPORARY \$1,195,000
PIEDMONT. Spacious 3BR/2BA home w/vaulted ceilings & hardwood floors. Elizabeth Dickson

ART MODERNE \$849,000
BERKELEY. Sun filled, 1920's Art Moderne fixer, w/ easy access to patio & garden. Economides/Hill

HANDSOME TRADITIONAL \$1,950,000
PIEDMONT. Ideally located this handsome 3+BR/3+BA traditional offers one level living & a fabulous rear garden. Au-pair. Elizabeth Dickson

SERENE SETTING \$1,195,000
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PIEDMONT. New Price! Gracious floorplan. Carefully upgraded 2BR/1BA. Level garden. Katherine Cooper

MONTEREY COLONIAL \$1,895,000
PIEDMONT. Monterey Colonial w/3+BR/4BA, updated kitchen, terrific family room & lovely level garden & patio. Near schools. Elizabeth Dickson

JOHN HUDSON THOMAS \$1,150,000
BERKELEY. Hudson Thomas Craftsman 4BR/3BA, family room/au-pair & updated kitchen. Bebe McRae

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BERKELEY. 3+BR/1.5BA MacGregor-style split-level. All-new kitchen & "plus" room. The Ratcliffes

RICHMOND VIEW \$599,000
RICHMOND. 4BR/3BA contemporary surrounded by lush gardens. Recreation room. Mavis Delacroix

BERKELEY CRAFTSMAN \$1,100,000
BERKELEY. 3BR/2BA Craftsman w/spectacular gourmet kitchen & gardens. Economides/Hill

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residence sale tax exemption up to \$250,000 (up to \$500,000 for a qualified married couple filing a joint tax return. Whether you acquired the rental house in a tax-deferred exchange or as a purchase, you must own and occupy it at least 24 of the 60 months before its sale to qualify for the IRC 121 exemption. For full details, please consult your tax adviser.

Is bed and breakfast inn a good realty investment?

Dear Bob: My wife and I are thinking about selling our home, taking that \$500,000 principal residence sale exemption you often discuss, and buying a small bed and breakfast inn where we have stayed many times. It has five bedrooms, plus an owner's cottage in the back. Is this type of property a good investment?

— Dan W.

Dear Dan: A bed and breakfast inn is both a business and a real estate investment. Do you realize you will also be buying yourselves seven-day-a-week jobs? Please consider yourself fortunate if you earn much profit and if you eventually profitably resell.

I have some friends who owned a nice bed and breakfast inn in a resort area. The wife talked her husband into buying it. Only after moving in did they realize it was a full-time job (although they were able to hire outside help to give them a day off each week).

Due to a family situation a few years later they decided to sell. After the sale closed, the husband told me that was the happiest day of his life.

What if co-signer defaults on home mortgage?

Dear Bob: A few years ago, my husband's brother talked him into co-signing on a mortgage so the brother could buy a condominium. My husband had good credit and his brother did not. Since then, his brother has been in and out of jail, doesn't work steadily and my husband often has to pay all or part of the mortgage payments to prevent it from going into default. My husband wants his brother to sell the condo (which can be sold at a net profit of at least \$75,000) but he refuses to sell. What can my husband do to get out of this mess? — Vivian R.

Dear Vivian: Presuming he is a title co-owner, your husband can bring a partition lawsuit to force the sale of the property with the sales proceeds divided between the co-owners. He will need a real estate attorney to handle the legal details.

But before filing a partition lawsuit, if I were your husband I would sit down with the brother, explain the facts, and suggest they voluntarily agree to sell the condo without the costs of a partition lawsuit.

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Tile: beauty, flexibility and longevity

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If you'd been born in the early days of tile (around 4,000 years ago) you could never have afforded the luxury. Once reserved for royalty and the wealthy, ceramic tile is now the most economical type of flooring available, according to an independent study commissioned by the Tile Council of North America.

The study, released in early 2006, compared all types of ceramic tile, including quarry, porcelain and mosaic, to 12 other flooring types such as hardwood, laminates, concrete, stone, carpet, terrazzo, vinyl and poured epoxy. Over the lifetime of the average floor, tile lasts longer, costs less per year to maintain, and less overall than any other type of flooring, the study revealed.

"Is it any wonder that tile has long been the product of choice for anyone who wants a beautiful, durable design element in their home?" asks Tamara Christian, president of National Trade Productions. Christian's company manages Coverings, the annual exposition showcasing the newest trends in ceramic tile and natural stone.

"Tile has always been popular, and homeowners are finding increasingly creative ways to use it in their homes."

Commonly used in kitchens and baths, tile can be employed creatively in every room of your house:

■ **Front door:** You've probably seen the tile house numbers that hang near the front door. But what about framing the door itself with tile? The technique can convey stately elegance or playful whimsy, depending on the type and color tile you choose.

■ **Entryway:** Dress up a foyer with a colorful tile mosaic. Or, welcome your guests with polished porcelain tile for extra durability and beauty in this high-traffic area of the house.

■ **Window seat:** Your family's favorite spot for reading, can also be a prime snacking location. Tile makes a window seat easy to clean and more decorative.

■ **Media room:** Not everyone views a 72-inch TV screen as a thing of beauty. You can turn a room-dominating screen into a design statement by adding tile. For wall-mounted flat screens,

consider a tile frame. Natural stone can be a perfect foil to high tech equipment when used to define and accent an alcove for video equipment.

■ **Exercise room:** Top spas around the world know the value of tile to enhance workout areas. The flexibility and ease of cleaning make tile a smart choice for areas where people will be sweating and showering.

■ **Dining room:** More than one picture-perfect dining room has been spoiled by a spill on the carpet. Tile offers superior ease of cleaning and exceptional design flexibility in this showcase area of the house.

■ **Family room:** Another high traffic area of the house that benefits from the durability and beauty of tile is the family room. For maximum impact, consider covering the entire floor with a rich ceramic tile.

Or, protect the most used areas by placing a large tile area in the middle of the room and carpeting the perimeter. Tile also enhances the beauty, safety and ease of cleaning for the fireplace and hearth.



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139 Cardoza, Hercules

Light filled single level 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom duet in the popular "Chelsea by the Bay" community. Fabulous vaulted ceilings, remodeled kitchen w/Corian counters and wood laminate floors, Master bedroom with sliders to a wonderful rear yard and patio. Much more!

Asking Price \$459,950 Open 2-4

1440 Liberty St., El Cerrito

Wonderful light-filled 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom single-level home. New interior/exterior paint, refinished hardwood floors, dual pane windows, eat-in kitchen, detached studio/office with recessed lights, generous rear yard with covered patio. A must-see!

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Fabulous View Properties

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This lovely family home just into the Berkeley Hills from Rockridge, can be used as a home, or for rental income. As a single home, it has 3 bedrooms, floors throughout, lots of built-in charm, and gorgeous SF and downtown views. In common property, it can be two flats, and a third rental unit. A lovely property which will not last long!

Asking Price \$1,195,000

2256 Mira Vista Drive, El Cerrito

Perched above the madding crowd, this delightful 3 bedroom, 1 bath refinished home is ready! It has hardwood floors throughout, fresh paint, and views of 3 bridges and Mt. Tam!

Asking Price \$1,195,000

8033 Winthrop Street, Oakland

Super cute, very affordable 2 bedroom, 2 bath home in the hills of Oakland. This doll house has a living room with free-standing fireplace, a kitchen, and a room which is un-permitted used as a music room. Come see this adorable home!

Asking Price \$1,195,000

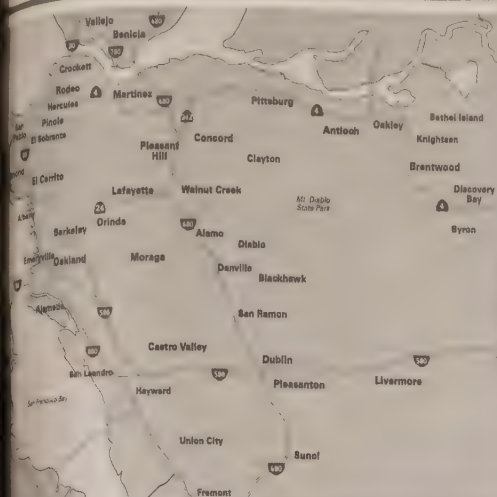
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\$419,000 320 51st St A & B	1bd/1ba 510-280-2140 Barbara Hendrickson
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\$425,000 3316 Adeline St.	2BD/1BA 510-547-5970 Mary Smartt
\$435,000 2367 Bartlett	2bd/1ba 510-273-9923 Rick & Ernie
\$449,000 195 Santa Clara #10	2bd/2ba 510-209-1139 Bettye Gardner

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\$449,000	3405 Helen #10	1bd/1ba	Open Sun. 1:30-4:30	W. Oakland	Montclair Better Homes
\$450,000	3016 Florida St	2bd/-ba	Open Sat/Sun. 2-4:30	Laurel	Prudential Montclair
\$450,000	999 55th St	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4	No. Oakland	Thornwall Properties
\$459,000	4620 Tyrrel St	2+bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4	Lower Maxwell Park	Keller Williams
\$459,000	520 61st St	3bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Laurel	Keller Williams
\$460,000	2323 Magnolia St #9	LOFT	Open Sun. 2-4	Red Oak Realty	
\$465,000	1694 10th St	2bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-5	West Oakland	Prudential Grand Lake
\$469,000	7857 Sterling Dr	2bd/2ba	Sat/Sun. 1-4	Kings Estate	Prudential Grand Lake
\$475,000	3030 Martin Luther King Way	4bd/1.5ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Shirley Covington	Prudential Grand Lake
\$475,000	8033 Wintrop Street	2BD/2BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Windermere Real Estate	
\$479,000	4257 Suter St	2bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Allendale	Montclair Better Homes
\$479,000	8367 Golf Links Road	2BD/1BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Coldwell Banker	
\$485,000	1 Lakeside Drive #1105	1BD/1BA	Open Sun. 1-4	Intero Real Estate Services	
\$485,000	1 Lakeside Drive #213	1BD/1BA	Open Sun. 1-4	Intero Real Estate Services	
\$489,000	260 Caldecott Ln	2bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Red Oak Realty	
\$499,000	1092 53rd Street	3 BD/1 BA	Sat & Sun 1-4	Prudential CA Realty	
\$499,000	240 Caldecott Lane, #118	2BD/2BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Oakland Hills	The Grubb Co.
\$499,000	2607 Kingsland Ave	2bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Red Oak Realty	
\$499,000	5185 Trask St	2+bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Maxwell Park	Prudential Montclair
\$499,000	5401 Fleming Avenue	2BD/1BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Maxwell Park	Wells & Bennett Realtors
\$499,000	5730 Thornhill Dr	2bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	Montclair Better Homes
\$499,000	720 58th St	3bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Red Oak Realty	
\$499,000	8212 A St.	3bd/2.5ba	Open Sun. 1-4	Boulevard Equity Group	
\$509,000	3521 California St	3bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4	Red Oak Realty	
\$520,000	615 62nd St	2bd/1ba	Open Sat/Sun. 2-4	No. Oakland	Prudential Grand Lake
\$525,000	3056 Blossom St	-bd/-ba	Sat/Sun. 1-4	Fruitvale District	Keller Williams
\$525,000	750 Oakland Avenue	2BD/2BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Rose Garden	The Grubb Co.
\$525,000	993 -37th St	DUPEX	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Prudential Grand Lake	
\$529,000	1459 56th Ave.	3 BD/2 BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	
\$529,000	295 Lenox Ave #206	2bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Adams Pt	Keller Williams
\$529,000	3133 Minna Ave.	DUPEX	Open Sun. 2-4	Two 1 Bd Units	Alameda Realty
\$529,000	560 58th St	3+bd/2.5ba	Open Sun. 2-4	Red Oak Realty	
\$535,000	6906 Outlook Ave	4bd/2ba	Open Sun. 1-5	Millmont	Prudential Claremont
\$539,000	5627 Morse Dr	3bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Maxwell Park	Montclair Better Homes

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\$545,000	3718 Columbian Dr.	2 BD/1 BA	Open Sun. 2-5	King Estates	Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.
\$549,000	25 Rio Vista Ave	2bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4	Thornwall Properties	
\$549,000	4526 Pampas Ave	3bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Laurel Upper	Prudential Better Homes
\$549,888	2045-2047 20th Ave	4bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4	San Antonio Park	Keller Williams
\$550,000	3920 Enos Avenue	2BD/1BA	Open 2-4:30	Laurel	Pacific Union Residential
\$550,000	4550 MacArthur Blvd	3bd/2ba	Open 2-4:30	Prudential Montclair	
\$559,000	k	2BD/1BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Laurel	Coldwell Banker
\$565,000	6217 Thornhill Dr	2bd/1ba	Open Sun. 1-5	Montclair	Prudential Claremont
\$569,000	3941 Coolidge Avenue	2BD/1BA	Open Sun. 1-4:30	Dimond	Coldwell Banker
\$569,000	585 9th St #307	2bd/2ba	Open Sun. 1-4	Downtown Oakland	Prudential Berkeley
\$575,000	1767 Brandon	2BD/1BA	Open 2-4:30	Piedmont Avenue	Pacific Union Residential
\$575,000	201 4th St. #306	2bd/2ba	Sat/Sun. 1:30-4	Jack London Sq	Prudential Berkeley
\$575,000	2917 Coolidge Ave	4bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-5	Fruitvale/Laurel	Prudential
\$579,000	2944 58th Ave	3bd/2ba	Open Sun. 1-4	Mills College	New Spring R.E.
\$580,000	3115 Texas St	3bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Laurel	Prudential Montclair
\$585,000	3764 Webster Street	2BD/1BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Temescal	The Grubb Co.
\$589,950	3948 Fruitvale Ave.	2 BD/1 BA	Sun 12-4	Dimond District	Help-U-Sell East Bay
\$599,000	1639 11th Ave	4bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4	Lake Merritt	Prudential Piedmont
\$599,000	1 Lakeside Dr	2bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Lake Merritt	Prudential Montclair
\$599,000	217 Capricorn Ave	2bd/1ba	Open Sun. 1-5	Montclair	Prudential Claremont
\$599,000	2809 Frye Street	2+BD/2BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Lincoln Heights	Coldwell Banker
\$599,000	466 Crescent St	3bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Keller Williams	
\$599,000	5455-57 MacArthur Blvd	DUPEX	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Millmont	Montclair Better Homes
\$615,000	5633 Roberts Ave	3bd/1ba	Sun. 2-4	/Maxwell Park	Re/Max Executive
\$624,000	1371 Holman	2BD/1BA	Open 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	Pacific Union GMAC
\$625,000	486 Cheney Avenue	3BD/1BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Grand Lake	The Grubb Co.
\$625,000	6100 Adeline Street	2+BD/2.5BA	Open Sun. 2-5pm	S. Parrott Broker	
\$639,000	1 Lakeside Drive #212	2BD/2BA	Open 2-4:30	Pacific Union Residential	
\$639,000	3700 Glen Park Rd	3bd/1+ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Red Oak Realty	
\$640,000	3161 Middletown Street	3BD/1BA	Open Sun. 1-4	Empire Realty Associates	
\$649,000	311 Oak St. PH10	2BD/2BA	Open 2-5	Jack London Sq	Pacific Union Residential
\$649,000	311 Oak St. PH7	2BD/2BA	Open Sat/Sun. 2-5	Jack London Sq	Pacific Union Residential
\$649,000	4187 Emerald Street	3BD/1BA	Open Sun. 2-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	
\$649,000	565 Bellevue #2106	2BD/2BA	Open Sun. 2-5	Lake Merritt	Anthony Associates

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\$649,000	6301 Pinehaven	2BD/1BA	Open 2-4:30	Montclair	Pacific Union Residential
\$650,000	2017 12th Ave	2bd/2ba	Open Sat/Sun. 2-5	Oakland Hills	Prudential Claremont
\$655,000	4020 Norton Avenue	2+BD/2.5BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Redwood Heights	Coldwell Banker
\$659,000	3838 La Cresta Avenue	2+BD/2BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Glenview	The Grubb Co.
\$659,000	4407 Bennett Place	2BD/1BA	Open Sun. 1-4	Redwood Heights	Coldwell Banker
\$659,000	442 43rd Street	3BD/2BA	Open 2-4:30	Temescal	Pacific Union Residential
\$667,000	3962 Forest Hill Ave	2+bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-5	Lower Oakmore	Prudential Grand Lake
\$669,000	1819 Gouldin	2+bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-5	Montclair	Prudential Piedmont
\$669,000	2836 Alida Street	2BD/2BA	Open Sun. 2-5	Lincoln Heights	Coldwell Banker
\$675,000	4129 Maybelle Ave	2+bd/3ba	Open Sun. 2-5	Upper Laurel	Prudential Grand Lake
\$679,000	2451 Alida St	4bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair Better Homes	
\$679,000	4400 Terrabella Pl	3+bd/2.5ba	Open 2-4:30	Redwood Heights	Prudential Montclair
\$685,000	1500 Hampel Street	3BD/1BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Glenview	The Grubb Co.
\$685,000	6072 Valley View Dr	3bd/2+ba	Open Sun. 1-5	Montclair	Prudential Claremont
\$689,000	4058 Whittle	4bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-5	Upper Dimond	Prudential
\$690,000	7749 Sunikist	4+bd/3ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Millmont	
\$695,000	41st St. and Shafter Ave.	3 BD/3.5 BA	Open 1-5	Temescal Station	Elwood Commercial RE
\$698,000	4852 Park Blvd.	Triplex	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Glenview	Wells & Bennett Realtors
\$699,000	6880 Thornhill Drive	3BD/2BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	Coldwell Banker
\$699,000	959-60 Bayview Avenue	Duplex	Open Sun. 2-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	
\$715,000	1770 Arrowhead Dr	3+bd/2ba	Open Sun. 1-5	Montclair	Prudential Claremont
\$719,000	1136 Clarendon Crescent	4BD/3BA	Open 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	Pacific Union Residential
\$719,000	12069 Broadway Terrace	3bd/1.5ba	Open Sun. 1-5	Montclair	Prudential Montclair
\$725,000	1075 E 33rd St.	5+BD/2 BA	Open Sun. 2-4	Ardley Heights	Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.
\$739,000	4641 Geranium Pl	3bd/1.5ba	Open Sun. 1-5	Redwood Heights	Prudential
\$739,000	6463 Melville Dr	4bd/2ba	Open Sun. 1-5	Montclair	Prudential Claremont
\$749,000	1125 Hollywood Avenue	2BD/2BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Glenview	The Grubb Co.
\$749,000	3567 Redwood Road	3BD/1+BA	Open 2-4:30	Redwood Heights	Pacific Union Residential
\$749,000	5306 Shafter Ave	2BD/1BA	Open Sun. 1-5	Rockridge	Lawton Associates
\$755,000	4745 Lincoln Ave	3bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Lincoln Heights	Prudential Claremont
\$759,000	10 Cortez Court	3BD/3BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	The Grubb Co.
\$759,000	241 Capricorn Ave	3BD/3BA	Open Sat & Sun 1-5	Montclair	Prudential California Realty
\$759,000	3520 Robinson Drive	3BD/2.5BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Joaquin Miller	The Grubb Co.
\$780,000	1004 Mandana Blvd.	4 BD/2 BA	Open 1:30-4	Crocker Highlands	Quiltman Realty
\$785,000	5427 Claremont Ave	3BD/3BA	Open Sun. 1-4	Rockridge	Lawton Associates
\$789,000	1381 Holman Road	3BD/2BA	Open 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	Pacific Union GMAC
\$789,000	3860 Glen Park Road	4BD/2BA	Open 2-4:30	Glenview	Pacific Union Residential
\$795,000	190 Modoc Ave	2bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Upper Rockridge	Montclair Better Homes
\$795,000	44 Kingwood Road	3+BD/2.5BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Oakland Hills	The Grubb Co.
\$795,000	6138 Shattuck Ave	4+bd/3ba	Open Sun. 10-1	Red Oak Realty	
\$795,000	6456-6458 Regent Street	Duplex	Open 2-4:30	Rockridge	Pacific Union Residential
\$798,000	3965 Turnley Avenue	3BD/2BA	Open Sun. 2-5	Sequoiah Hts.	Coldwell Banker

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\$799,000	2700 Las Aromas	3bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-5	Piedmont Pines	Prudential Montclair
\$799,000	4381 Malcolm Ave	3bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Oakland Hills	Prudential Grand Lake
\$799,000	6499 Pinehaven	4+bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	Prudential Piedmont
\$799,000	7535 Skyline Blvd	3BD/2BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	The Grubb Co.
\$819,000	7270 Sayre Drive	4BD/2BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair Hills	The Grubb Co.
\$825,000	577 8th Street	-BD/-BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	J. London Sq.	Wells & Bennett Realtors
\$827,000	8140 Surrey Lane	3bd/3ba	Open Sun. 1-6	Sequoia Heights	Prudential Montclair
\$849,000	1836 Clemens	3+BD/2.5BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Lower Oakmore	Coldwell Banker
\$849,000	2833-2835 25th Avenue	2 house 1 lot	Open Sun. 1:30-4	Gallagher & Lindsey	
\$849,000	6110 Aspinwall	4+bd/4ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	Montclair Better Homes
\$875,000	6895 Oakwood Dr	4bd/3ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	Montclair Better Homes
\$879,000	1840 Magellan Drive	4BD/2.5BA	Open Sun. 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel Realtors	
\$879,000	6855 Shepherd Canyon Rd	4BD/2.5BA	Open Sun. 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel Realtors	
\$893,000	6086 Valley View Rd	4bd/3ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair Better Homes	
\$895,000	1745 Leimert Blvd.	3BD/2BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Shane Associates	
\$895,000	492 Staten Avenue	2BD/2.5BA	Open Sun. 2-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	
\$895,000	492 Staten Avenue	2BD/2.5BA	Open Sun. 2-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	
\$895,000	6043 Valley View Rd.	4 BD/3 BA	Open Sun. 1-5	Montclair	Bayridge Realty
\$898,500	6525 Chelton Drive	4BD/3BA	Open Sun. 1-4	Intero Real Estate Service	
\$899,000	1887 Trestle Glen Rd	2+bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Trestle Glen	Prudential Montclair
\$945,000	431-433 Sunnyslope Ave	2+BD/1BA	Open 2-4:30	Pacific Union Residential	
\$949,000	250 Stantonville	3BD/3.5BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Crestmont Hts.	Coldwell Banker
\$949,000	4335 Everett	4+BD/2+BA	Open 2-4:30	Glenview	Pacific Union Residential
\$949,000	6875 The Turn	2BD/2+BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	The Grubb Co.
\$949,000	979 Grosvenor Place	3+BD/1.5BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	The Grubb Co.
\$995,000	578 Mira Vista Ave	4BD/2BA	Open 2-4:30	Grand Lake	Pacific Union Residential
\$1,050,000	6505 Melville Drive	3 BD/2 BA	Sat/Sun. 1-4	Piedmont Pines	Help-U-Sell Action Properties
\$1,139,000	6700 Gunn Dr	4+bd/4ba	Open Sun. 2-5	Montclair	Prudential Piedmont
\$1,149,000	1835 Tunnel Rd.	4 BD/4.5 BA	Open 2-4:30	Kane & Associates	
\$1,195,000	6129 Wood Drive	4BD/3BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	Coldwell Banker
\$1,269,000	3299 Brunell Dr	5bd/3.5ba	Open Sun. 2-5	Montclair	New Spring R.E.
\$1,295,000	6995 Elverton Drive	4BD/3BA	Open Sun. 2-5	Montclair	Coldwell Banker
\$1,299,000	5581 Lawton Avenue	4 BD/2.5 BA	Open Sun. 2-5	Rockridge	Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.
\$1,325,000	2110 Arrowhead Dr	4BD/2.5BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	Coldwell Banker
\$1,345,000	1154 Sunnyslopes Road	4+BD/3BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	The Grubb Co.
\$1,350,000	1037 Aquarius Way	3BD/2.5BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	The Grubb Co.
\$1,385,000	6025 Chelton Drive	4BD/3BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Piedmont Pines	Coldwell Banker
\$1,395,000	970 Alvarado Road	3BD/3BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Claremont Hills	The Grubb Co.
\$1,425,000	6648 Charing Cross Road	4BD/3BA	Open Sun. 2-5	Claremont Hills	Coldwell Banker
\$1,460,000	6133 Fairlane Drive	3+BD/3.5BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	Coldwell Banker
\$1,595,000	5377 Hilltop Crescent	4BD/3BA	Open 2-4:30	Upper Rockridge	Pacific Union
\$1,599,000	7217 Skyline Blvd.	4+BD/3.5BA	Open Sun. 2-5	Montclair	Pacific Union GMAC
\$1,850,000	6839 Elverton Drive	5BD/4.5BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	Coldwell Banker

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\$1,960,000	7075 Skyline Blvd	Open Sun. 2-5	Marvin Gardens	
\$2,500,000	8935 Manchester Dr.	Open 2-4:30	Upper Rockridge	Pacific Union Residential
Orinda				
\$950,000	40 Ardor Dr	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair Better Homes	
\$959,000	358 El Toyonal	Open 12-5	Pacific Union GMAC	
\$1,675,000	29 Donald Drive	Open Sun 1-4	Pacific Union GMAC	
Piedmont				
\$549,000	365 Somerset Rd.	Sat/Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	
\$559,000	367 Somerset Rd.	Sat/Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	
\$849,000	924 Trestle Glen Road	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	
\$975,000	361 Moraga	Open Sun 2-4:30	Pacific Union Residential	
\$998,000	1025 Oakland Avenue	Open Sun 2-4:30	Coldwell Banker	
\$1,075,000	66 Calvert Ct.	Sun 2-4	Kane & Associates	
\$1,150,000	1150 Winsor Ave	Open Sun. 1:30-4	Montclair Better Homes	
\$1,195,000	21 Bonita Ave	Sun. 1-4	Prudential Piedmont	
\$1,200,000	250 Estates Dr	Open Sun. 2-5	Prudential Claremont	
\$1,225,000	40 Prospect Road	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	
\$1,285,000	505 Scenic	Open Sun 2-4:30	Prudential	
\$1,385,000	142 Arbor Drive	Open Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont	
\$1,445,000	114 Alta Avenue	Open Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont	
\$3,500,000	55 Cambrian Ave	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Prudential Montclair	
Pinole				
\$19,900	1989 Shea Dr	Open Sun. 2-4	Oak Realty	
Pleasant Hill				
\$39,900	113 Hazeltine Circle	Open 1-5	Pacific Union Residential	
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\$49,900	105 Pleasant View Drive	Open Sun 1-4	Pinel Realtors	
Richmond				
\$85,000	2504 Moyers Rd	Open Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker Bartels	
\$115,000	2517 Roosevelt	Open Sun. 2-4	Prudential	
\$20,000	651 5th St	Open Sat/Sun. 2-4	eller Williams	
\$29,000	5541 Bayview Ave	Open 2-4	Annex	
\$29,000	6126 Huntington	Open Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens	
\$49,000	2620 San Mateo St	Open Sun 2-4:30	eller Williams	
\$49,900	405 So. 49th St	Open Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker Bartels	
\$59,000	214 Carmel St	Open Sun 2-4	Contra Costa College	
\$85,000	663 Wilson Ave	Open Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens R.E.	
\$99,000	213 Commodore Dr	Open Sun. 2-5	Oak Realty	
\$99,000	976 32nd St	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Oak Realty	
\$25,000	5205 McDonald Ave	Open Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens	
\$38,000	1020 Landmark Ct.	Open Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker Bartels	
\$40,000	3532 Center St	Open Sat. 12-3	Security Pacific	
\$50,000	5601 Esmond St	Open Sun. 2-4	Oak Realty	
\$99,000	6073 Arlington Blvd.	Open Sun 2-4:30	ameda Realty	
\$99,000	1310 Mallard Dr	Open Sun. 2-5	Oak Realty	

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14243 Outrigger Dr. 32 Nina Quan	2 BD/1 BA 510-814-4836	16770 Ehle St. Sat & Sun 1-4 KC Financial	3 BD/1 BA 510-550-1100 Kevin Chan	308 Accolade Dr Open Sat/Sun. 1-4 ZipRealty	4bd/2.5ba 510-334-6932 Herman Chan	16152 Via Karl Sun 2-4 San Lorenzo Village Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	3 BD/2 BA 510-748-1148 Pacita Dimacali	
1170 & 1180 Victoria Ave Mary Dresser	2 HOMES 510-339-9290	2495 Cheshire Court Open Sun. 1-5 Prudential Montclair	3bd/2.5ba 510-339-9290 Michael Stephens	520 Pala Ave Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	5bd/2ba 510-339-4000 Jim Schubert	2629 O'Donnell Drive Open Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	4BD/2BA 510-899-8000 Christine Brett	
2523 Galleon Pl. 125 Donn Gutierrez	2 BD/2 BA 510-414-4854	14318 Birch St. Sun 1-4 Harbor Bay Realty	3 BD/1 BA 510-814-4823/814-4889 Nancy & Steve Brandt	1355 E. Juana Open Sat. 1-3 Montclair Better Homes	4bd/4ba Sherdella Sims			
2516 Galleon Pl. Marina Seagate Tere Lee	3 BD/2.5 BA 510-357-8800	13925 Seagate Dr. Sat & Sun 2-5 Marina Seagate United Brokers	3 BD/2.5 BA 510-357-8800 Tere Lee	720 Lee Open 1-4 Pacific Union Residential	3BD/1+BA 510-338-1335 Michelle Miller	179 Kit Carson Sun. 1-4 Prudential Montclair	3bd/2ba 510-339-9290 Kara Nossardi	
Alameda County								
\$345,000 1700 Third St. 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4 510-728-6402 Prudential California Mary Reynolds								
Property Out of Area								
\$2,100,000 220 Manresa Court 3BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Los Altos 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Alicia Drake								

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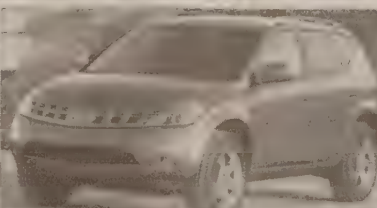
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Nissan Murano: A different SUV inside and out

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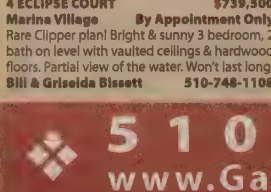
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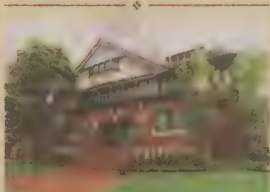
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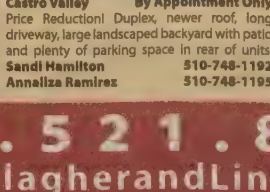
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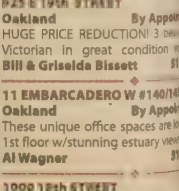
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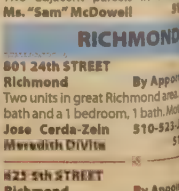
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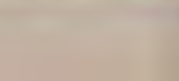
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SPORTS

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Section C

Basketball an escape for Emerson



EMERSON, left, gives grandmother Carrie Emerson a hug in their home in Richmond. GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

■ Ex-Gauchos star, who is headed to college on a scholarship, was 6 when her mother was murdered in Richmond

By Robert Jordan

STAFF WRITER

The quickness is there. So is the lineage. But Myleka Emerson doesn't want anything to do with track and field.

If her mother, Pamela, was still around, things might have been different.

Emerson could be headed to her first day of school on Monday at the University of Missouri-Kansas City on a track scholarship instead of a basketball one.

"Track to me is boring," said Emerson, whose mother, aunt and grandfather starred in track for Kennedy and Richmond high schools, respectively. "I like doing more than just running. But,

"That is why I play basketball — to block things out. Out there, I don't think about it."

— Myleka Emerson, on the murder of her mother

I probably would have tried it." Instead, Pamela never got the chance to steer her only daughter toward track.

Twelve years after Pamela was shot and killed in 1994 in an unsolved murder in Richmond, Emerson used her quickness on the hardwood at El Cerrito High School.

"I think she would be totally different if her mother was around," said Carrie Emerson, Emerson's maternal grandmother. "I don't know if she would have played basketball."

But after the death of Emerson's mother, Carrie and her husband XL encouraged Emerson to pick up the game of basketball.

"That is why I play basketball — to block things out," Emerson said. "Out there, I don't think about it."

On the court, Emerson doesn't have to remember the foster homes she and her brothers were in and out of until their grandparents took her and two of her brothers in.

The hardwood is also Emerson's escape from that night the police came and told the family what happened to their mother. Emerson was just 6 years old.

"It's my escape from the violence," said Emerson, a Richmond native. "That is one of the reasons why I am glad I am leaving."

The departure won't be an easy one, though.

It will be the first time other

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CAL SPORTS

Excellent summer for sisters

Albany's Joan and Laura Cannon help 16-under East Bay Nuggets place 33rd in 136-team national basketball tournament

Albany High School athletes Joan and Laura Cannon finished a successful summer club softball season by going with the East Bay Nuggets to the 16-under national tournament in Seattle. The trip was a result of winning the Oakland Metro-ASA tournament earlier in the summer when they defeated their rival, the Zone of Brentwood.

The national 16-under tournament brought together 136 teams and was watched by scores of coaches trying to get an early look at the 2008 graduating class. The Nuggets finished 33rd overall with a 4-2 record. Nuggets players come from several areas communities.

The loss for the Nuggets came at the hands of a team from the East Bay that finished as the runner-up. Laura Cannon got one of three Nuggets' hits in the 2-1 loss. Joan Cannon finished the tournament with a .609 batting average to lead the Nuggets.

Both girls distinguished themselves in the spring as members of the 2006 North Coast Section Champion Albany Lady Bears. The sisters will return to Albany this fall as juniors.

— Tim Cannon

SWIMMING

Several Voice-Journal area swimmers competed last weekend at the FINA World Masters Swimming Championship at the El Cerrito Aquatic Center. The El Cerrito Aquatic Masters, Berkeley Aquatic Masters, Berkeley BEAR Swimming Club and others competed at the meet. The Aquatic Masters did especially well, winning five medals. Notable individual accomplishments included Jonas Cannon's 12th-place finish in the 100-meter freestyle with a time of 2:26.50. Cannon also finished in 15th in the 200-meter freestyle in 2:07.81. Cannon turned in his best finish of the meet when he placed 11th in the 400-meter freestyle with a time of 5:11.22. Cannon placed sixth in the 800-meter freestyle.

Other Berkeley Aquatic Masters swimmers who notched top finishes at the meet included Bennett, Eric Rhodes, Al Pastor, and Cornelia Bleul. The BEAR head coach Jesse Cannon led his team by placing 11th in the men's 30-34 year old freestyle backstroke in 29.33.

The water polo portion of the meet provided a few shining moments for some local competitors. The USMS Marybeth Kolden team from Florida to a third-place finish in the women's 40-45 division. The Yellow Cal alumni Lynn Bleul, Teresa Brekon, and the Henderson team of Nevada and the team to a first-place finish in the 30-35 year old division.

Information submitted by Pam Bennett

Corpus shines in her final East Bay Junior



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

BERKELEY'S Christopher Na, 13, plays in the 71st annual East Bay Juniors Golf Tournament in Alameda.

71ST EAST BAY JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Aug. 14-15
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Overall champions

Boys: Anthony Machi, age 16, 69-68 — 137; Girls: Alexandra Groetsma, age 14, 73-68 — 142.

Boys 16-17

First place: Miguel Camrdoc 70-71 — 141; second place: Jeffrey John-

son 69-73 — 142; third place: John Morris 74-70 — 144.

Boys 14-15

First place: Eric Kim 72-71 — 143; second place: David Rohrs 78-70 — 148; third place: Adam Loran 75-73 — 148.

Boys 12-13

First place: Patrick Grimes 67-72 — 139; second place: Walter Kaneshiro 72-71 — 143; third place: Carlos Briones 69-75 — 144.

Girls 15-17

First place: Cristina Corpus 73-73 — 146; second place: Jordan Ontiveros 74-73 — 147; third place: Rosalie-Wil Tolentino 71-78 — 149.

Girls 12-14

First place: Grace Na 72-71 — 143; second place: Olivia Chang 69-77 — 146; third place: Marko Tumanog 72-75 — 147.

Boys 10-11 (9 holes)

First place: Davis Clute 38-33 —

69; second place: Christopher Peterson 33-37 — 70; third place: Justin Paglia 35-38 — 73.

Boys 7-9 (9 holes)

First place: Brandon Wu 41-38 — 77; second place: Travis Winn 42-40 — 82; third place: Joshua McCarthy 46-40 — 86.

Girls 11-under (9 holes)

First place: Caroline Belmont 41-42 — 83; second place: Alexandra Sborov 44-41 — 85; third place: Alexandra Wong 41-45 — 86.

■ San Jose State-bound golfer captures the 15-17 girls championship; Oakland's Na takes the 12-14 girls crown

By Mike McGreehan

STAFF WRITER

From 2002-2004, some of the best golf matchups involved the girls from Bishop O'Dowd and San Leandro high schools. Specifically, they involved O'Dowd's Martha Burkard and San Leandro's Cristina Corpus.

Burkard, an Alameda resident, soon will begin her sophomore season at Oregon State. Corpus graduated from San Leandro High in June and will head to San Jose State.

Before going to the South Bay, Corpus stopped in Alameda to play one final time in the East Bay Junior Golf Tournament, an annual event that took place at the Chuck Corica Golf Complex on Monday and Tuesday.

Corpus played with typical efficiency both days, carding a 2-over par 73 Monday on the Earl Fry Course, then matching that score Tuesday on the Jack Clark Course to win the 15-17 girls title with a two-day total of 146 strokes.

"I just want to play my game and have some fun because it's my last year here," said Corpus, who still is 17, the tournament's maximum age.

Corpus beat Alamo's Jordan Ontiveros by one stroke and was three strokes better than Rosalie-Wil Tolentino of South San Francisco.

"My scores are getting better every day — though not today," Corpus said. "I'm getting more confident."

Corpus will need the confidence. Despite her success at the high school and junior levels, the college game will be an entirely new experience.

"I expect them to shoot under par — like 5-under," said Corpus, who was 4-over for the tournament. "It's tough competition out there."

Corpus was one of more than 250 golfers to play in the tournament. And though the event's title bears the words, "East Bay," golfers came from around the Bay Area — and in some cases, even beyond — to show their mettle on the course.

Girls 11-under champion Caroline Belmont came from Salinas. Travis Winn, second in the boys 9-under, traveled from Hollister. Other competitors hailed from distant places such as Fresno, Bakersfield and Visalia.

Overall titles went to 14-year-old Alexandra Groetsma of Los Altos and 16-year-old Anthony Machi of Pleasanton.

Groetsma, competing in the girls 12-14 flight, opened with a 73 Monday on the Fry Course. She came back Tuesday with a most impressive 69 on Clark for a two-day total of 142.

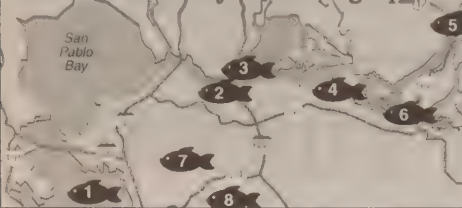
"The last day was very difficult," said Groetsma, who will enter Palo Alto High School. "It was harder than the course from (Monday). It was longer."

Machi, soon to be a junior at Foothill High School, finished be-

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FISHING REPORT

Curtis Pashelka's Bay Area fishing report



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Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent	
1. San Francisco Bay — Decent striped fishing to be had.	2. Martinez Pier — Striper action remains steady.	3. Mothball Fleet — Sturgeon fishing is improving.	4. Pittsburg PG&E — The occasional salmon is being spotted.	5. Rio Vista — May be worth the trip.	6. Antioch Pier — Some large stripers being caught.
					7. San Pablo Reservoir — Catfishing is still the best bet.
					8. Lafayette Reservoir — Bass, bluegill action should pick up soon.

PACIFIC OCEAN

Robert Gallia of the El Dorado said fishing along the Marin coast has provided some quality salmon fishing for the past week. Unfortunately, most of the scores have ranged between 5 and 10 salmon per boat. As a result, most of the skippers have been spending part of the day cod fishing at the Farallon Islands.

The king salmon that have been taken have weighed between 15-25 pounds, with one on Saturday weighing over 30. The big fish for the weekend topped 37 pounds. The salmon seem to be arriving late this year, and could show at any time.

Tuna fishing continues to improve, as scores from the Guide Seamount to the Pioneer hit 20 to 30, with the fish averaging 15 to 20 pounds. Craig Stone of Emeryville Sportfishing said the Bay Area salmon fleet has been experiencing mostly slower fishing the last week, with boats focusing their efforts off the Marin coastline around Duxbury Reef and surrounding areas. The best scores have been around a fish per rod with other days under that. The fish have averaged 15-18 pounds, with larger fish taken up to 40 pounds. All boats are trolling anchovies.

James Smith of the charter boat California Dawn has had an excellent week fishing the Farallon Islands and the Marin County coast. From Saturday to Tuesday, Smith caught a combined 97 limits of rock cod and ling cod, 10 cabezon and one 10-foot wolf eel. On Friday, they caught 21 ling cod and 34 limits of rock cod. On Saturday, they also caught 18 striped and one halibut fishing near Alcatraz.

Diana Nunez of www.BerkeleyMarinaSportfishing.com said fishing continues to be outstanding for both rock and ling cod, with the Farallons continuing to be a favorite spot. The New Golden Eye with Captain Trung Vo caught 40 limits of rock cod and 62 ling cod there on Saturday. On Sunday, they caught 25 limits of both rock cod and ling cod.

The Golden Eye 2000 with Capt. Quang Vo fished the Farallon Islands on both Saturday and Sunday where a combined 63 anglers caught 630 rock cod and 126 ling cod weighing up to 22 pounds. On Tuesday, they caught 17 limits of rock cod, 34 ling cod up to 16 pounds and 17 cabezon up to 8 pounds.

THE BAYS

SUISUN: Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait & Tackle is reporting fair fishing this week. More sturgeon are being caught and the size of the stripers has improved. The morning incoming tide looks to be promising this weekend. Buoy 2, 4 and 6 along the sandbar in the Mothball Fleet have marked a lot of sturgeon. Stripers still are being caught from the Martinez Pier and the shoreline. Grass shrimp and anchovies are best bets for bait.

Catching stripers were Randy Hedrick of Martinez Bait (31 inches) from the Martinez Pier on anchovies and Tommy DeShields of San Francisco (42 inches) at Pt. Edith on a split-tail. Catching sturgeon were Cliff West of Martinez (61 inches, 51.8 pounds) in Benicia on grass shrimp, Bill Hastings of Pinole (54 inches, 40 pounds) at buoy 4 on grass shrimp and John Inman of Martinez (49 inches, 27 pounds) at buoy 8 on grass shrimp.

THE RIVERS

SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING: Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing said fishing for rainbow trout is fair to good. Anglers are fly fishing the Sacramento River, drifting from Redding to Anderson. Most days are producing 15-25 fish each day with the average size between 12-18 inches. Using Stone Flies, Micro Mayflies, Pheasant Tail No. 16, Bead Head Copper Johns Nos. 14-16 and Egg patterns.

SACRAMENTO RIVER, ANDERSON: Portocarrero said king salmon fishing is fair, with anglers catching about one to four fish a day. The number of salmon coming up river is increasing daily. All salmon are being caught using Flatfish lures, T-50's, Chrome in color with a sardine wrap. All king salmon are between 15 and 20 pounds.

Salmon fishing should keep improving as the weeks go on.

THE DELTA

Chris Aldridge of Gotchal Bait and Tackle in Antioch said striped fishing continues to be strong at the Antioch Pier, with anglers catching a few big ones and some shakers. Stripers also are being caught at Sherman Lake and Rio Vista. Catfish are being had at Holland Tract and there are rumors of sturgeon being had near the Pittsburg PG&E plant. A few salmon are also being caught near Pittsburg.

Catching stripers this week were Daniel Florio (20 inches) at the Antioch Pier using anchovies, Sean Watson (19 inches) at the Antioch Pier with mudsuckers, Richard Maas (36 inches) on shad on the San Joaquin River and Samuel Eastman of Bay Point (22 pounds) on anchovies at the Antioch Pier. Tim Alexander of Antioch caught a 7-pound black bass on night-crawlers at Orwood's Resort.

THE LAKES

LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY: The staff at Lake Chabot said trout fishing remains slow. A trout did come in this week from an angler fishing in Honker Bay, which is uncommon for this time of year. The best place to fish for trout is by the dam. Lake Chabot will not get any more trout plants until the water temperature cools down.

Bass fishing remains steady. Many bass, although small, are being caught all over the lake with plastic worms, live worms and crank bait. Some of the bigger bass that were caught are back by Bass Cove and Alder Point. Catching and releasing is encouraged.

Catfishing is picking up as several limits were pulled out of Honker Bay. Chicken liver, pork liver and mackerel is the best bait to use. When fishing at night, one of the best spots on the lake is the first dock on the west shore trail. Several limits have been pulled out in the past few nights. The closer the bait is to the marina, the better. A sliding sinker with a 1-2 ounce weight is the recommended setup.

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE: The staff at San Pablo Reservoir reported that trout action remains slow, but that bass are active. Anglers should use swimbaits and plastics in shad and crawfish patterns for bass. Try around Oak Point and the dam area. Mike Sangster of Richmond caught a 12-pound, 9-ounce bass at the dam using a creature lure.

Catfishing remains the best chance to catch something at this time of year. The reservoir has been stocked regularly on the weekends for the past few weeks and people using chicken livers, nightcrawlers, anchovies and mackerel are doing well. The launch area and Scow Canyon are producing some limits of crappie. Use crappie jigs in red/white and green/white patterns. A few bluegill were reported. Use small worms or waxworms.

LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD: The staff at Los Vaqueros said bass have been very active, with a lot of 4-5 pounders being caught. Boaters and shore anglers have been catching bass near the rock wall area and off the ADA pier. Mini whackers and regular bushwhackers have still worked well for bass with a few plastic worms thrown in. Limits of largemouth bass were caught by boaters in Peninsula Cove using Senko bait. Don Govan of Oakland caught a limit of largemouth bass from the ADA pier using night crawlers. The largest fish weighed over 4 pounds.

Even with a full moon during the week, the trout bite has improved. Night crawlers and PowerBait are working for trout, along with small spinner bait (1/4-ounce Kastmasters).

LAFAYETTE RESERVOIR, LAFAYETTE: Andrea Leandro of the Lafayette Reservoir said the lake was stocked with bass and bluegill over the weekend. The catch dropped off slightly this past week, perhaps due to the full moon. With the moon now waning and the addition to the fish population, things should be turning around. Plastic worms have still been productive with bass and real worms for perch at various docks around the reservoir.

— Compiled by Curtis Pashelka

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MVP Flight Elite Basketball — Tryouts for 2006-07 competitive boys AAU Club teams for ages 10-14 Aug. 28-29. Diablo Valley College, 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill. Contact: Chris, 925-890-0871, chris@mvpflight.com.

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Representatives from organizations within the circulation area of the Alameda Journal, Berkeley Voice, El Cerrito Journal, Montclair and Piedmont are encouraged to submit items to this address.

For questions, please call 510-748-1662 or 510-262-2738.

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WCCYSL Soccer — Girls Under-13, Class 1 team is looking for a few players. Tryouts by appointment. Contact: Ronald Moore, 510-964-9543 or 510-367-6130.

SOFTBALL

Lady Athletics — Looking for fast-pitch softball players ages 15-18 who want to play competitively and develop advanced skills. Tryouts 5-7 p.m. Aug. 17, Laney College, 5th Avenue and East 8th Street, Oakland. Contact: Linda Thompson, 510-388-6185, www.etaamz.com/ladyathletics.

Contra Costa Cobras — Looking for talented and competitive 12U girls for the 2006-07 season 10 a.m. Aug. 19. All positions open, team size will be limited. Mosswood Park, Webster and MacArthur, Oakland. Contact: 510-601-9577, nde876@yahoo.com

Montclair Recreation Center — Looking for new players for adult softball league Saturdays noon-2 p.m. through October. 6300 Moraga Ave., Oakland. Contact: 510-339-1433, gjdrob@aol.com.

VOLLEYBALL

College of Alameda — Summer Volleyball Skills Clinic Aug. 19-20. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. for grades 6-8, 2-5 p.m. for grades 9-12. Staff will include coaches from COA, Golden Bear and Starnings volleyball clubs. 555 Ralph Appenzato Memorial Parkway. Contact: 510-748-0568

Orinda Intermediate School — Looking for coaches for flag football, girls volleyball, and cross country for grades 6-8. Seasons run Aug. 28-Oct. 26. Contact Eric Hembree, 415-726-1111, ehembree@orinda.k12.ca.us.

Acalanes High School — Hiring head girls softball coach, head girls lacrosse coach, diving coach, and JV girls tennis coach. Contact: Randy Takahashi, 925-280-3970 ext. 7388

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Alameda High School — Seeking assistant coaches for cross-country and girls volleyball. Also seeking head coach for spring season. Must adhere to Bernal's Faith. Contact: Craig Lee, ext. 25, coachlee@astound.com, www.beran-sagles.org

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El Cerrito High School — for head varsity girls tennis, head varsity and JV coaches and girls volleyball and girls Contact: George Austin, gaustin488@aol.com, maestro125@comcast.net

Emerson

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than the two weeks spent at basketball tournaments during the summer of her junior year that Emerson will be away from her grandparents and younger brother Solomon.

"I am happy for her to go and to be able to expand her surroundings and learning," Carrie

Emerson said. "I will miss her."

She won't be all alone, though. Chazny Morris, a former El Cerrito teammate and also an incoming freshman at UMKC, will be joining her.

Morris and Emerson played two seasons together at El Cerrito before Morris transferred to Piedmont. Morris is also responsible for UMKC recruiting Emerson.

"Chazny grew up with Myleka

and said we should look at her," said UMKC coach Bo Overton, who was the only Division I coach to seriously recruit Emerson. "Her speed and quickness was exactly what we were looking for."

"She was just so much faster than the other people on the floor. It was almost like the kids weren't even trying. But they were. It was her quickness."

That quickness was big rea-

son in Emerson helping her to win her first Northern girls basketball 1988.

It is also a key factor in being able to come starting job in the fall.

"Myleka still hasn't shown what she can do. Cerrito coach Ron Williams said when she does, to be really interesting."

Golf

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low par both days. Machi opened play Monday with a 69 on Clark and followed with a 68 Tuesday on Fry for a 36-hole best of 137.

"Everything kind of came together this week," said Machi, who competed in the 16-17 boys flight. "I shot a 69 (at Corica) when I was 12. I've had some good karma here, and everything came together — my long game and my short game."

None of the 26 golfers hailing from Alameda itself finished among the top three in any flight. Oakland's Grace Na finished at 143 in 12-14 girls, taking first prize in the flight with Grootsema having already claimed the girls overall title.

Jeffrey Johnson, an Oakland resident and incoming senior at Bishop O'Dowd finished at 142, second behind Miguel Camitoc of Hayward among 16-17 boys.

"It's a good tournament, the last one of the season," said Johnson, who hopes to go to UC Davis a year from now. "It's (a) good (way) for the colleges (to notice young golfers)."

Camitoc's 141 earned him first place in his flight as Machi already had claimed the boys' overall prize.

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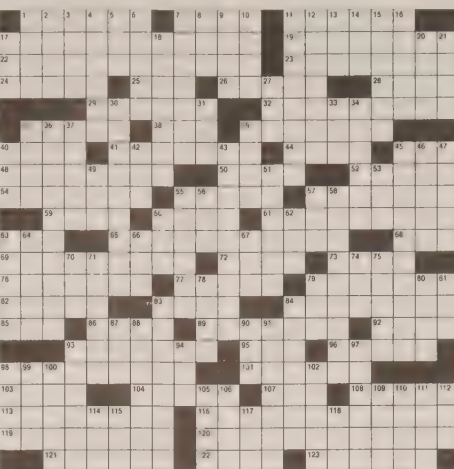
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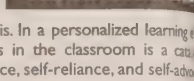
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■ **Berkeley City College** — Classes at 6:30 p.m. at 75 Evans Hall, U.C. Berkeley campus. "International Trade Finance," Aug. 24; "Globalization and Culture," Aug. 28; "International Marketing," Aug. 29. Details: 510-981-2913, www.peralta.edu.

■ **Everyday Parenting Workshop** — 3-4:30 p.m. Aug. 27. Learn techniques of how to overcome everyday challenges of parenting. Focus is on children 2-8 years, though works for all ages. PriPri Café, 1309 Solano Ave., Albany. Free. Details: 510-835-4357 or MarRem@comcast.net.

■ **Widows/Widowers Grief Recovery Class** — Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. Sept. 12-Nov. 14. Find hope, support and successful ways to process this significant life event. First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana St. Pre-registration required. \$5. Details: Laurel, 510-848-6252, Ext. 241.

■ **Ecology Center** — East Bay Environmental Training Program, Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 7-Nov. 11. Course provides a sustainability and justice framework for understanding environmental issues. Includes guest speakers, field trips, discussions, course readings, student projects, and an evening film series. Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. \$75-\$150. Registration: 510-548-2220, Ext. 233 or erc@ecologycenter.org.

■ **North Berkeley Senior Center** — 10-11 a.m. Aug. 25. Larry Forsberg, Shen Clinic Licensed Acupuncturist, speaks on "Get Healthy, Stay Healthy with Chinese Medicine." 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. Free. Details: 510-981-5191.

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** — Pats available for adoption and temporary foster homes. Cats available 12-3 p.m. Aug. 19; Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave., Berkeley. Dogs available 12-3 p.m. Aug. 26. PetSmart, 1001 Eastshore Hwy., Albany. Details: 510-267-1915, www.hopalong.org.

■ **Clean, Clip and Mulch** — 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 19. Albany Unified School District, Albany Police Department and city of El Cerrito invite all to help clean the public BART path between Brighton Street and the El Cerrito BART station, in order to deter crime. Meet on BART path by middle school, bring: clippers, pruning shears, loppers, flat head shovels, metal rakes, wheel barrows, gloves and water bottles.

■ **Berkeley Farmer's Market** — 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. Aug. 19: Tomato Tasting, cooking demonstration by Chef Samin Nosrat of Ecoloco Restaurant, reading and book signing with Mike Madison, author of "Blithe Tomato." 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Aug. 26: performance of Downtown Berkeley Jazz Festival concert with Jazzschool ensembles. Civic Center Park, Center Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Free. 510-548-3333, www.ecologycenter.org.

■ **Community Labyrinth Peace Walk** — 3 p.m. Aug. 20. All welcome, wheelchair accessible. Willard Middle School, 2425 Stuart St., Berkeley. Everyone wel-

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■ **Tuesday Berkeley Farmers' Market** — 2-7 p.m. Aug. 22: Tomato tasting; free samples of 35 tomato varieties. Derby Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way. 510-548-3333, www.ecologycenter.org.

■ **St. John's Prime Timers** — "Let's Talk" with Helen, 11 a.m. Aug. 22. Charisse Battiste from Echo Housing talks on Reverse Mortgages 11 a.m. Aug. 29; questions welcome. For seniors 50 and older. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-6830.

■ **Dar Al Amal and Amnesty International** — Wine & Hors d'oeuvres Benefit for Refugees of Lebanon, 6-8 p.m. Aug. 23. Non-profit Dar Al Amal, "The House of Hope," is supporting influx of

refugees into Bourj Hammoud area. Guest speakers include Dr. As'ad Abukhalil, Monica Jubayl. Presentation of Beirut war photos. Youth Radio Café, 1801 University Ave., Berkeley. Donation: \$12 and up.

■ **American Red Cross** — blood drive. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Aug. 24, UCB Physical Plant, 2000 Carleton St., Berkeley. All donors receive a long-sleeve blue and gold tee shirt. Appointments: Angela, 510-842-9348 or www.BeADonor.com (code: UCB).

■ **Activism Series** — 7 p.m. Aug. 25. Features Nadia McAffrey, Gold Star Families Speak Out Founder, with DeWayne Huns, Director of the People's Lobby & World Service Corp. Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St., Berkeley. \$5 to \$10 donation. Details: Cynthia, 510-528-5403.

■ **Backpacks for Kids** — Through Aug. 31. Join Spenger's Fresh Fish Grotto and The Berkeley Boosters/Police Activities League in helping local children start the new school year. Drop off a new backpack, receive a \$10 dining certificate. 1919 Fourth St., Berkeley. Details: 510-845-7771.

■ **Kensington Physical Therapy** — open house, 12-7 p.m. Sept. 6. See new physical therapy clinic, ask questions about injuries, prevention, sport training. 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Details: 510-527-7737, www.kensingtonpt.com.

■ **Maven Urban Design + Craft Fair** — Monthly indie craft fair featuring local craftspeople. Second Saturdays monthly starting 12-5 p.m. Sept. 9. Free libations, finger foods, 1700 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Details: mavenfair@gmail.com or www.maven-fair.com.

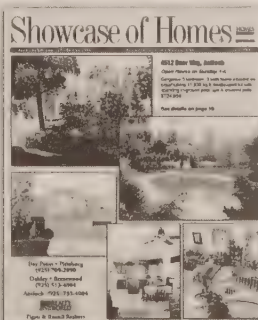
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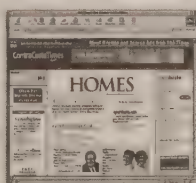
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Have a wheel alignment every year, it won't hurt. The roads in the East Bay Area are so bad - pitted with pot holes, poor transitions from old to newer pavement, large amounts of road debris and many marked dips and bumps - that having a four-wheel alignment every 10,000 miles or so makes good sense. Driving with a bad alignment can cause resistance and will waste gasoline.

Check your tune-up. Worn or dirty spark plugs can cause a misfire, which wastes fuel.

Replace your air filter regularly. Due to the high density of cars and trucks in our metropolitan area, we have air pollution that is particularly bad in the summer. With the average driver clocking about 10,000 to 12,000 miles a year, there's a good chance the filter will develop enough grime and dirt to replace yearly. A clogged air filter produces a rich fuel mixture. This means the engine will use more gasoline - possibly up to 10% more, which equates to 15¢ more per gallon!

Drive the speed limit. Gas mileage decreases as your driving speed increases above 60 mph. You can figure you are spending 10¢ more per gallon for every mile over 60 you drive.

Avoid the dreaded short trip driving. This type of driving is not only bad on the engine, exhaust system and brakes but is devastating to your car's gas mileage. Your engine can consume twice the fuel when

you make short trips compared to a long freeway drive. So if you must make short trips, try to combine your errands so at least the engine will heat up to normal driving temperature and remain there for a while.

8. Don't be a masher. "Masher" is a term that I use to describe a driver who tries to do the 0 mph to 40 mph in 3 seconds. There's no advantage to speeding around town between stop lights, pedestrians and the other many obstructions when the consequences always include a reduction of gas mileage up to 35%!

9. Unload. No need to tow the trailer around when it's not in use.

Likewise the cargo carriers, bike racks, surf/ski racks create a good amount of drag and reduce gas mileage greatly. So if you don't use it, remove it. Hauling around recycling, Goodwill donations, books, sports equipment, kids strollers, etc., really makes no sense when you figure every 100 lbs. added to the vehicle reduces gas mileage by 2%.

10. Keep up with oil changes. Dirty oil can cause your engine to lose up to 1 mile per gallon of gas mileage.

11. Have your transmission and overdrive checked. A slipping transmission or inoperative overdrive will cost you another mile of gas mileage.

12. Check your operating temperature. If your gauge reads low, have your garage check out the temperature sensor and thermostat. If these are bad they will cause the car to run cool and use more fuel, approximately 2 mpg wasted.

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Eason tunes out of talk radio biz

I GET A LOT of e-mail asking about the whereabouts of longtime local radio talk host Jim Eason.

Eason, who was with KGO and KSFO for 30 years, did his talk show from his home after moving back to his native North Carolina in the early 1990s. He finally left KSFO in 2000 under less than amicable circumstances and now lives up near Auburn.

And even though I rarely agreed with Eason's conservative/libertarian political slant when he did afternoons on KGO, Eason was a class act in that he eschewed what has become the norm in radio talk today — an argumentative approach.

Eason says today: "I quit the talk-radio business in June, 2000. Since that time, I don't think I've listened to talk-radio more than an hour. . . . TOTAL," adding, "When the biggest names in talk-radio are Rush Limbaugh, Howard Stern, and — God help us! — The Savage Weenie (Michael Savage), there is nothing there I want to hear."

Talk radio has had a polarizing effect on society — it's at the center of what best-selling author Deborah Tannen calls "The Argument Culture."

Eason adds this about the sorry state of talk radio today: "Sorry if this sounds mean-spirited, since I'm not in that rat race any more, but on the rare, very rare, occasion I tune in, it really stinks."

"I used to use an informal recipe for my show, a bit of each of the following: information, education, variety, surprise, humor, and occasionally something uplifting (so the day won't seem so horrible). These days I hear SOME information, no education (the iceberg of material below the surface of the headlines), no variety, no interviews with intelligent and interesting people."

"Almost all guests on any talk show now are simply there to sell something."

"There are no guests with an interesting slant on life, or a humorous outlook. But, again, I don't listen very much, so I could be wrong."

By and large, Eason is right, with the exception of NPR.

Does Eason miss working in radio?

"Once in awhile, usually when I stumble across something I want to know more about. I research it for myself. But I'd love to share it with others who might care."

"And, when my dander gets up, I'd like to do an Andy Rooney. For example: 'Ever notice you can't call living people on the phone? Press one, press two, enter your Social Security number. . . .'"

Eason explains that he left the Tarheel State for family reasons: "My mother-in-law is over 80 and needs our support and affection. She lives in Northern California. And, yes, we wanted to be closer to our granddaughter. My daughter is raising a beautiful genius, Isabel. I could have lived the rest of my life in the Blue Ridge mountains, but couldn't face flying cross-country several times a year."

Eason's daughter worked at KSFO as Michael Savage's producer for a while, and not only is Eason no fan of the right-wing hater, that situation led to his premature retirement.

"There was a very unpleasant incident at KSFO, which upset me. But no one in the front offices gave a damn, so I realized my day was past — time to surrender, move on, and leave it to the younger punks."

"I had my run," adds Eason. "It sure beat working out in the sun or rain, there was no heavy lifting, and it paid pretty good. I did what I loved to do for over 30 years — no complaints. I don't think I overstayed my welcome. And if I did," he adds in typical fashion, "So what?"

Bill Mann's column runs every other week. Reach him at Newsmann@sonic.net.

Jazz Festival takes over town

■ Berkeley's annual event, featuring dozens of acts at 15 locations, is set for next week

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

Downtown Berkeley will be swinging next week as the second annual Berkeley Jazz Festival runs from Tuesday through Sunday.

Forty-five solo artists and groups will perform at 15 locations, including restaurants, bookstores, the public library and the downtown Berkeley BART plaza. Many of the concerts are free.

"The idea is to stroll from venue to venue and take in as much — or as little — as you like," said Susan Muscarella, director of the Jazzschool, who is organizing the event. "It's like the Black and White Ball, only hipper."

For the occasion, Muscarella has assembled a Who's Who of the local jazz scene, including Terry Riley, Mingus Amungus, Zoe Ellis, Pete Escovedo, Taylor Eigsti, Julian Pollack, Wil Blades, Myra Melford, Kenny Washington, and Jean Fineberg and Saxophunk.

Some of the festival's biggest fans are the musicians themselves.

"It's special," said saxophonist Sarah Manning, who will appear with her group, the Sarah Manning Trio, Aug. 26 at Jupiter.

"One of the reasons I'm really looking forward to playing at Jupiter is that we'll be right in the middle of everybody. The interaction with the audience is a key part of a jazz performance. It's like an extra musician."

Bobby Sharp, who wrote the Ray Charles/Joe Cocker hit "Unchain My Heart," will team with singer Natasha Miller to give a lecture on jazz history for the UC Berkeley Extension as part of their performance Aug. 27 at the Jazzschool.

They span three generations of jazz: She's 35, and he's 81.

"Three years ago, I was being interviewed on KCSM, and they were playing a couple of tracks from my last CD," she said. "He just happened to be listening. He called me up and said he'd written a couple of songs he wanted me to hear."

Miller was skeptical at first because she gets calls from would-be songwriters all the time.

"But then he said, 'Maybe you've heard one of my old songs, 'Unchain My Heart.' I just lost it. We've been playing together ever since."

The festival will also feature dance, film and poetry, including California Poet Laureate Al Young, who will perform with singer/guitarist/bass player Daryan Brown Aug. 26 at the Berkeley Public Library.

"I don't think of poetry and jazz the same way the beatniks did," said Young. "They recited their poetry to a musical accompaniment, but I see it as a dia-



FROM LEFT, Jazzschool founder Susan Muscarella, Mark McCloud, president of the Downtown Berkeley Association, and John Martin of Jupiter restaurant are the driving forces behind the upcoming Berkeley Jazz Festival.

logue. One of the advantages of working with musicians is that they really listen to you. Poets just recite."

The Berkeley Jazz Festival was the brainchild of four people: Muscarella, Jupiter owner John Martin, Downtown Berkeley Association Executive Director Deborah Badhia and Mark McCloud, owner of Downtown restaurant and president of the DBA's board of directors.

"We'd had a concert on Addison Street before, but it was pretty generic. It could have been anywhere in the Bay Area," said McCloud. "People would come into the area, listen to the music, and leave."

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NATASHA MILLER AND BOBBY SHARP will perform from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Jazzschool, 2087 Addison Way.

Writer does a little genre-bending

■ Richmond's Acosta takes chance with inventive story, characters

By Lynn Carey
STAFF WRITER

Marta Acosta is browsing through the books on a table at the entrance of the El Cerrito Barnes & Noble, picking some up, putting them down. In 40 or so years, her interest in all things literary hasn't waned; even as a child, Acosta would browse through novels at the used-book stores near her Richmond annex home, saving quarters until she had enough to buy one.

There's one big difference now, though. Nestled among the trade paperbacks on this particular table at Barnes & Noble is "Happy Hour at Casa Dracula" by Marta Acosta (Simon & Schuster Pocket, \$13, 320 pages).

It's a contemporary novel featuring a sassy Latina heroine who gets mixed up with a group of . . . well, vampires. Vampires who have a lovely estate in the Northern California wine country. Vampires who happen to have excellent genes (except for the drinking blood thing), and one of them is sexy and handsome and funny and smart.

Can this book be categorized

WORKSHOP

- WHO: Marta Acosta
- WHAT: Writing workshop
- WHERE: Barnes & Noble, 6050 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito
- WHEN: 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 28
- HOW MUCH: Free
- CONTACT: Sandy Graves, 510-316-3617

as a paranormal romance? Maybe. Thriller? Sometimes. Mystery? Sure. Comedy? Definitely. Latino fiction? Well, a tiny bit. Magical realism? Absolutely not.

"If you have a Spanish surname, there is an automatic assumption that you write magical realism," says Acosta, sighing over coffee at the bookstore's cafe. "I think Latino authors are rewarded for writing in this expected style."

This need by booksellers and publishing houses for specific a genre is frustrating for Acosta. She's not someone who likes to be stuffed into categories, but she sees the reasoning.

"People consider me a chick-lit writer. It's a marketing designation. But I've learned that books put in certain groups are able to sell better. Do I want my



RICHMOND WRITER Marta Acosta is the author of "Happy Hour at Casa Dracula," in which a young woman gets mixed up with a group of attractive vampires.

books to sell better? Of course!"

"Happy Hour at Casa Dracula" is indeed a curvy peg being forced into square, set holes. It's set in San Francisco, where the heroine, Milagro, ekes out a living by doing a hodgepodge of little jobs after graduating from a Fancy University. She has a tiny flat with rats. She hangs out in biker bars as well as at the occasional society soiree.

Yes, there are similarities between Milagro and her creator. Acosta went to Stanford and had

many jobs (mostly in public-relations writing).

"The huge difference is, Milagro doesn't have family. I have three brothers, and we have a strong family unit. That's what Milagro longs for."

Acosta's father was a laborer for an industrial company. Two of her brothers also attended Stanford; one is now a lawyer, the other a businessman.

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SUSAN KUO
On the

Alameda shows Fall

IN ALAMEDA, newer and more posts is Julie's Garden. This caters to pastries and nosh along with teas, coffees and bring Julie's easel home. Indoors is a leafy garden, open solo art show and hosted hors d'oeuvre.

On display there a collection of watercolor paintings, New Orleans. Paintings, watercolors, wood reliefs vibrant color. His work and African influences jazz and blues theme the Big Easy.

In addition to Fairburn makes gnarly tree branch painted and adorned found items.

Carry one with it at those who use it to give an umbrella stand.

If you're truly Fairburn's joyous express yourself. night is craft night. Bring your needles, glue, and get down crafty types from Tuesday, Aug. 28 & Chuck Ervin will the joint with folk boy and bluegrass.

Julie's Coffee at 1223 Park St. opens Monday 7 a.m., Saturday 8 a.m., closing at 4 p.m. For more info, call or visit www.juliescoffee.com.

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Section D

The Buick Lucerne CSX offers power, style and comfort

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

Know why Tiger Woods keeps winning golf tournaments. Buick gives him a new one.

Some lucky person gets to keep the 2006 Buick Lucerne CSX, which is a stylish upscale sedan, it's also the most enjoyable, quiet, power-running cars I've driven.

The base model Lucerne CSX starts at \$33,265. But Tiger's CSX model — the one I drove — cost \$38,630, which includes some very nice options. Fuel economy is 17 miles per gallon city and 24 highway.

Reason for the mediocre fuel economy? My tester had the more powerful Northstar V8 engine; the CSX models have V6 engines. The V8 quickly produces 275 horsepower and 295 pounds-foot of torque. Its pickup was so invigorating, I myself stomping on the gas pedal frequently.

The Lucerne has Magnetic Ride Control. Buick explains as magnetically controlled dampers suspended in a synthetic fluid that reacts to road conditions. I don't understand how it works, but it results in a finely-tuned ride. The CSX also has a suspension and rides on 18-inch aluminum wheels with power windows and brake assist. Because this car has numerous areas of comfort, I can't help but want to drive it every day.

The interior of the Lucerne is comfortable and convenient, heated/cooled front seats, dual-zone air conditioning, rear park-assist, heated washer fluid and rain-sensing wiper system. It has a six-disc in-dash CD player with MP3 capability. Because it has Satellite Radio, I simple tuned into my favorite station and enjoyed listening every ride.

The navigation system was a touchscreen navigation system that even pointed out locations of gas stations and restaurants. Because the screen was wide, the XM radio station would display both the title and artist of the song it was playing. This added touch was much appreciated.

The interior surroundings of the Lucerne are exactly what you'd expect of a top-notch automobile. It's loaded with quality with each and every component in harmony with the other. It's easy to slip into the leather driver's seat, adjust the eight-way power seat and set into one of two memory settings. Even the steering wheel has a nice feel to it. I'm sure Tiger feels as comfortable behind the wheel as he does when gripping a golf club.

I drove the Lucerne during a terrible hot spell, which gave me the opportunity to enjoy the cooled seats — one of the



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THE BUICK LUCERNE CSX
offers the enjoyment of overall interior comfort and convenience.

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BUICK LUCERNE CSX

Vehicle Type	Six-passenger, front-wheel drive sedan
Suggested Retail	\$34,265
Price As Tested	\$38,630
Engine Type	3.2-valve DOHC V8 w/SFI
Horsepower	275 @ 6,000 rpm
Torque	295 @ 4,400 rpm
Transmission	Four-speed automatic with OD
Wheelbase	116 inches
Height	58 inches
Curb Weight	4,013 pounds
Fuel Capacity	18 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 17/26

many options. I also appreciated driving a car that had numerous active safety and handling features, including an anti-lock braking system and traction control. It also has auto-level rear suspension that automatically adjusts the vehicle's height.

The Lucerne is a great caddy when Tiger is hauling six or eight sets of golf clubs. The Lucerne also has General Motors Advanced Crash Notification system that will get help to an accident scene faster, plus OnStar. When it comes to safety, this

car provides first class protection. I hope Tiger wins another tournament soon because I entered the "Tiger Wins, You Could Win" campaign simply by registering on Buick.com. Maybe I'll get lucky and win a top-notch car that the golf champ drives. If you register, maybe you'll be the lucky one.

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1977 Mercury Cougar XR-7 purchase influenced by Farrah Fawcett ad

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

Fresh out of high school in 1972, David Horner landed a job at the Pioneer Ford dealership at the corner of Oak Street and Pine Street in Plattville, Wis. Surrounded by new cars all day every day, he thought he was in hog heaven.

Two cars arrested his attention: the Ford Thunderbird and the Mercury Cougar, especially the XR-7 model. Pioneer Ford employees had a sweet deal where they could buy a new car for only a few dollars over cost. Young Horner was ready to take the plunge but, he says, "My parents were from the old school." They persuaded him not to go into debt, but instead save for the car.

The diligent young man saved each payday for five years and finally, in 1977, he had enough money for a new car. He was still torn between the Thunderbird and the Cougar XR-7 but says, "I liked the Cougar a little better." He admits Mercury hiring popular television personality Farrah Fawcett as a spokesperson appealed to him.

He took delivery of his black XR-7 Cougar with the rear half of the roof covered in red vinyl on March 8, 1977. Perhaps mom and dad were onto something. "I appreciated it more when I got it," Horner admits. The base price of the handsome Mercury was \$5,720, but Horner had

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loaded it up with about \$2,000 worth of optional extras including floor mats, lighting group, air conditioner, 400-cubic-inch V8, sports instrument panel, AM/FM 8-track tape/radio, and spare tire lock.

Even though the total he was paying was only a bit more than \$8,000, he couldn't believe they charged him for the lock on the spare tire in the trunk. He wrote a check for the total, received the title and drove the 3,865-pound Mercury Cougar XR-7 home free and clear.

Soon thereafter he began dating Jill, the woman who would become his wife. She was a farmer's daughter who lived near Fennimore, about 30 miles away down Route 81 and Route 61. Horner became quite familiar with every dip and curve of those two highways.

The only bad part of seeing her was the long gravel driveway. "I hated to take my new car up that driveway," Horner says while voicing surrender to the song, "The things we do for love." The young couple wed in 1979 and drove away in the Mercury Cougar XR-7 on their honeymoon in northern Wisconsin.

After the couple set up housekeeping in Plattville, he bought a second car, a beater, to drive during

the winter. Horner says Wisconsin keeps the highways clear with chemicals and salt, but the cars that are driven daily are eaten alive.

The single longest trip the Horners have taken in their Cougar occurred in 1982 when they headed west, all the way to Denver and Boulder and the Colorado Rockies.

Even comfortably cruising on a 114-inch wheelbase on those long, flat stretches of highway along the way, Horner recalls his 166-horsepower XR-7 delivered about 15.5 miles per gallon. "The engine has a lot of get up and go," he says. "There is plenty of engine for the car."

In those long ago days the speedometers were calibrated to read speeds up to 85 mph. "It will go faster than that," Horner says, "but I don't know how much."

Horner says the original 15-inch spare tire is still in the trunk. A couple of years ago Horner had his handsome vehicle repainted in the original shiny black. The red striping was done at that time. When the time came, Horner swallowed hard and then went ahead and taught his daughter Jenny how to drive on the Cougar. Both daughter and Cougar XR-7 came through with flying colors.

"It's the only new car I've owned in my life," Horner says. Since he got a winner the first time, why take a chance on another new car?



DAVID HORNER TOOK DELIVERY of his black XR-7 Cougar with the rear half of the roof covered in vinyl on March 8, 1977 and, as they say, the rest is history.

For your car to become the subject of the Classic Classics column, send a photo (frontal 3/4 view) plus brief details and phone number to Vern Parker, 2221 Abbottsford Drive, Vienna, VA 22181. Only photos of good quality will be considered.

RECYCLE

Steering wheel noises a concern for all vehicles

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: I own a 2001 Lexus RX 300 with only 31,000 miles. When turning the steering wheel — all the way, either way — it makes a noise. I took the car to the dealer and was told the lower steering column bushing was dry and they lubricated it. The noise came back after a couple of weeks, so I returned to the dealer. This time they said there was a problem with a cable and replaced it. The noise was gone until the outside temperature dropped below 40 degrees. I could not get back to the dealer until the following week. The temperature was now at 50 degrees and the noise was gone. What do you think? — Randy

Dear Randy: Steering wheel noises are a concern for all manufacturers. All car companies are trying to make vehicles that are quiet, ride well, fun to drive and dependable. The extreme weather conditions take a toll on all aspects of the vehicle: everything from water leaks to noises. Fit and finish are also affected by the hot sun. Get a second opinion from an independent repair shop. You also have to remember your 2001 vehicle has been through a few years of extreme weather conditions.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2002 Nissan Sentra with only 44,500 miles. The "check engine" light has been a problem for a long time. I have been back to the shop and they have replaced parts without solving the problem. They make a repair, but the engine and light will stay off only for two to three days. — John

Dear John: It is no secret that Nissan vehicles have a fair amount of emission control problems that will set off the "check engine" light. With all the frustration you have had, it may be best to go to a local Nissan dealer and get the car repaired. Some of the emission components carry a one-year warranty.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Chevy Tahoe with 81,000 miles. For the past 30,000 miles there has been a brake problem. On long slow brake stops, I can feel a distinct pulsing through the brake pedal. Both the dealer and two independent shops thought the problem was the rear brake drums out of round. I had the rear drums resurfaced and then replaced. However, the pulsing is the same. Could the problem be with the ABS system? — Robert

Dear Robert: It seems both technicians are missing the proper diagnosis. First, the majority of brake pulsating is caused from front brake rotors being out of round. Second, on vehicles equipped with rear drum brakes, the simple test is to gently apply the parking brake at 30 mph and feel if there is any pulsating when slowing to a stop. GM has had problems with rust build-up on ABS sensors in the Snow Belt. This causes the ABS system to activate at speeds around 5-10 mph on dry pavement. GM does have a recall on certain model vehicles for the ABS problem. Check with your dealer for more information.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1985 Class C motorhome, however both the engine and transmission are only two years old. The engine is a large 454 cid backed by a three-speed turbo 400 automatic transmission. When the engine temperature gauge gets only half the way up, the engine runs rough. The other problem is the transmission

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does not easily upshift into third gear. My transmission technician has not been able to solve the problem. — Ramon

Dear Ramon: Your turbo 400 transmission relies on engine load and speed to work properly. The transmission has an electric passing gear kick down and a vacuum modulator control valve, as well as a governor to aid in shifting. This is a very basic heavy-duty three-speed automatic transmission. Have the engine checked to make sure it has plenty of vacuum and is running properly. Then get an opinion from

an independent transmission shop. I strongly recommend a revised transmission shift kit. The shift improvement kit will make gear changes more precise and limit transmission wear. An external transmission cooler is great insurance. A power problem with the engine will usually transfer to the transmission. As for the engine running rough, someone is overlooking something. The workhorse 454 engine should idle smoothly and produce a lot of low- to mid-engine speed power. Another possibility could be an internal engine problem. Have a complete engine performance test done.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347.

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2117 9th St - \$665,000
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949 Allston Wy - \$580,000
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2159 Emerson St - \$633,000
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2853 Stanton St - \$567,000

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5825 Charles - \$677,000
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7701 Errol Dr - \$840,000
800 Galvin Dr - \$706,000
2218 Humboldt - \$405,000
5642 Jordan Av - \$615,000
2093 Key Bl - \$877,500
1154 Richmond St - \$435,000
6772 Snowden Av - \$530,000

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91 Burgess Wy - \$550,000
385 Joan Vista St - \$315,000
1104 Kelvin Rd - \$566,000
4087 La Colina Rd - \$506,000
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652 56th St - \$623,000
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793 65th St - \$608,000
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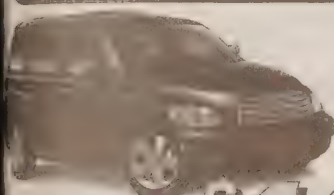
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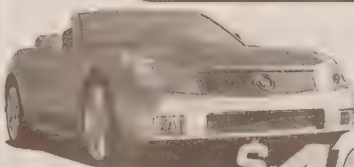
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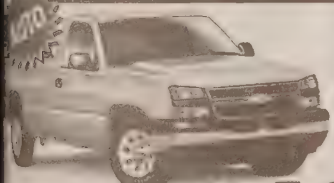


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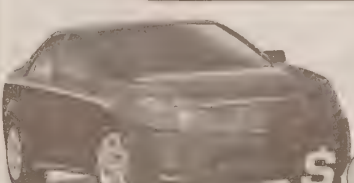
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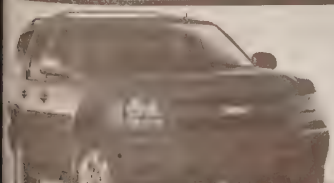
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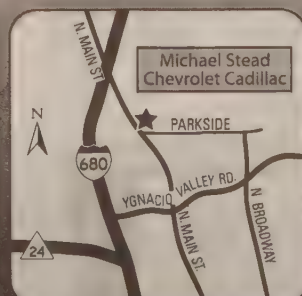
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- Keep on your toes for the unexpected when approaching a road work zone. Normal speed limits may drop and traffic lanes may change or disappear due to closure.
- Ease up on the gas pedal. Speeding is a key reason behind work zone crashes.
- Maintain a safe distance between your car and the car ahead of you. Tailgating can end up a rear end collision. Also, keep a safe distance away from construction workers and their equipment.
- Heed all warning signs. They are there to help guide you and other drivers safely through the work zone. One of the last signs in a work zone usually indicates when you've left the work zone.
- Obey road crew flaggers that keep traffic moving at a safe speed through a work zone.
- Keep your focus on the work zone road and minimize distractions, such as using a cell phone or flipping through radio stations while driving.
- Keep pace with the traffic flow. Motorists can help maintain traffic flow and posted speeds by merging as soon as possible. Never attempt to drive right up to the lane closure and merge into the traffic.

and merge into the traffic.

■ Stay patient and expect delays. Television, radio and Web sites will often inform motorists of upcoming road work and provide information about the work zone traffic flow.

Source: National Safety Council.

Correction: The front page story on Friday, Aug. 11, 2007 Nissan Versa, misstated the fuel capacity in the box. Fuel capacity was listed as 136 gallons, it should be 13 gallons.

We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

Sales

FROM PAGE B3

2822 Andrade Av - \$550,000
1244 Battery St - \$450,000
179 Bayview - \$390,000
231 Chanslor Av - \$420,000
3400 Clinton Av - \$365,000
2508 Downer Av - \$485,000
2344 Emeric Av - \$416,500
1427 Garvin Av - \$500,000
2423 Gaynor Av - \$500,000
232 Harbour Wy - \$310,000
2858 Hilltop Mall - \$591,500
2866 Hilltop Mall - \$602,000
619 Humboldt St - \$579,000
140 Lakeshore Ct - \$378,000
2810 Leeds Ct - \$574,000
104 Marina Lakes - \$270,000
140 Marina Lakes - \$271,000
229 Marina Lakes - \$388,500
446 Marina Wy - \$450,000
3732 N. Stonegren - \$380,000
4001 Ohio Av - \$285,000
118 Park Ln - \$335,000
1427 San Joaquin - \$379,000
4553 Santa Rita - \$520,000
103 Seaview Ct - \$846,500
1801 Shasta St - \$555,500
154 Shoreline Ct - \$396,000
72 Shoreline Ct - \$380,500
1421 Summer Ln Dr - \$570,000
1311 Summer Ln - \$621,000
2869 Tulare Av - \$530,000
2210 Visalia Av - \$482,500
849 Wilson Av - \$515,000

SAN LEANDRO

1575 141st Av - \$549,000
2230 Belvedere Av - \$405,000
226 Caliente Dr - \$520,000
1400 Carpenter 236 - \$454,000
1252 Devonshire Av - \$510,000
15104 Deway St - \$690,000
1291 Douglas Ct - \$535,000
16915 East 14th St - \$700,000
15228 Edgemore St - \$615,000
1631 Estudillo Av - \$999,000
15511 Farnsworth St - \$675,000
1096 Frederick Rd - \$555,000
15482 Heron Dr - \$668,000
420 Lloyd Av - \$540,000
1223 Lucille St - \$435,000
14831 Martell Av - \$530,000
836 Martin Bl - \$480,000
15925 Maubert 6 - \$403,000

1039 Purdue St - \$512,000
14023 Seagate Dr - \$450,000
16088 Selborne Dr - \$575,000
15284 Upton Av - \$599,000
679 Valita Dr - \$420,000
1621 Wayne Av - \$715,000

SAN LORENZO

17260 Via Carmen - \$557,000
1555 Via Hermana - \$685,000
591 Via Manzanas - \$596,500
70 Via Matero - \$590,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 17
LOWEST PRICE: \$355,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,180,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$790,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$769,441

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$650,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,171,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$717,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$846,167

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 19
LOWEST PRICE: \$265,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,450,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$740,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$713,553

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$405,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$877,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$615,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$581,550

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$315,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$766,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$550,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$532,167

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$489,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$688,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$625,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$594,300

IRVINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$365,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,250,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$807,500

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 100
LOWEST PRICE: \$210,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,600,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$545,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$590,195

PEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$1,030,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,900,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$1,738,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,441,250

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 42
LOWEST PRICE: \$270,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$846,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$457,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$459,940

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 24
LOWEST PRICE: \$403,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$999,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$540,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$563,917

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$557,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$685,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$596,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$607,125

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Now hear this: Ford is responding to the explosive growth of iPod and MP3 audio players by offering auxiliary audio input jacks in half of its 2007-model Ford, Lincoln and Mercury products, beginning this summer. The new Ford TripTunes Advanced system will be added early next year for even more seamless iPod integration, including full charging and control through the radio controls. Ford predicts iPod and other MP3 player sales will more than dou-

ble in next five years.

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Source: The Wall Street Journal.



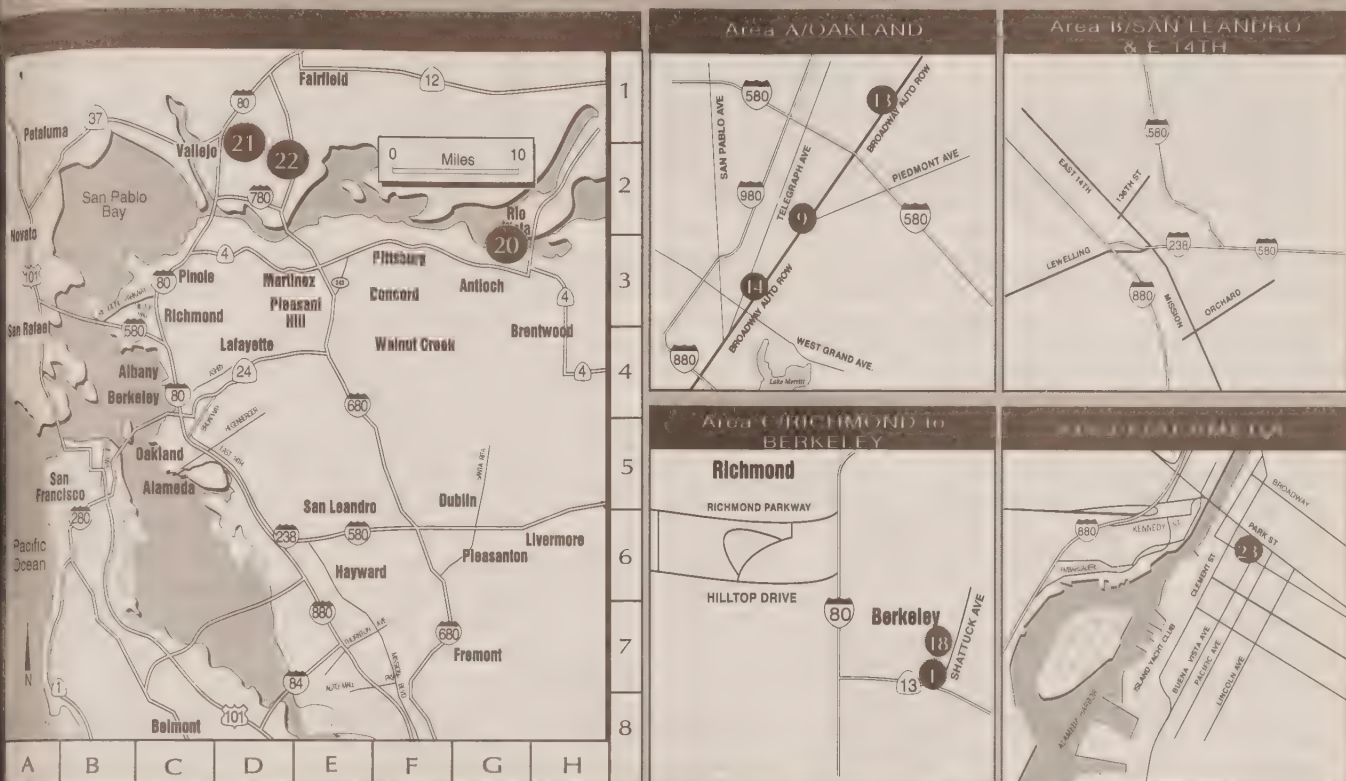
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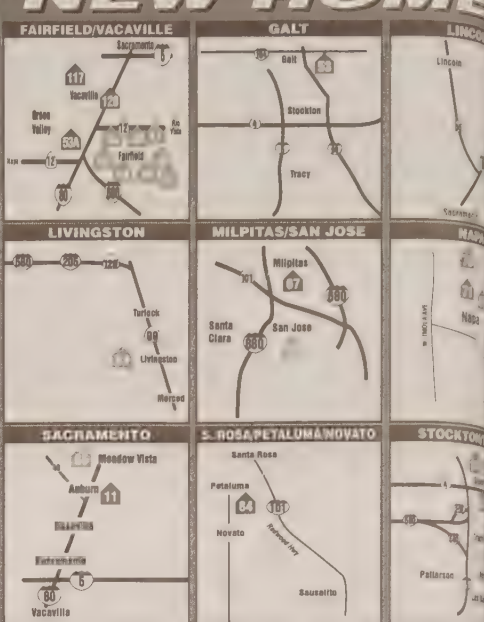


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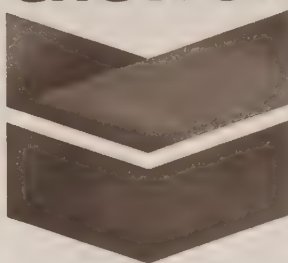
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Dorm rooms can go from grim to glorious

BY CHERYL TRUMAN
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LEXINGTON, Ky. — When you first look at a dorm room, it might be to run away. You probably have four grim, most likely concrete block walls in a color suggesting that you've been involuntarily committed to a hospital. The air of mustiness; and the cluttered desks and chairs. From this, you're expected to make a cozy little nest that's yours for the rest of the year. It's a nightmare.

But when you first walk into a dorm room, you're greeted by a different scene. Jeff Gawronski of the Lexington Herald-Leader says that dorm rooms can be a daunting task. He offers everything from cleaning supplies to cleaning supplies for the college student who wants it all selected, cleaned and ready to go.

So, prettifying a dorm can be a daunting task. Fortunately, hundreds of thousands of students have done it before.

Consider the finalists at Centre College's 2006 dorm room decorating contest. From silky pink stripes to bright corals and limes to a Tiki doll and matchstick bamboo wall covering, Centre students showed that they can make a room with a lot of imagination. It would think to showcase a Tiki doll? — and not money.

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As students take the same steps that any homeowner would take when redecorating: Pick your colors, accessories and your theme. Then try to tie it all together.

Lexington decorator Beth Harper, aka "The Lone Rearranger," is all about covering up the ugly features you don't like and making a very small space seem open and inviting.

Her solution: color, fabric and anything else you can get your hands on. You definitely want to do everything possible," she says.

Harper's advice on the walls and windows: even bedsheets, a fine layer of cheap and colorful covers will work. They can be held up with tension rods or

double benefit: Fabric muffles the sounds that ricochet off the walls. If you don't want fabric on the walls, buy a mirror and lean it against a wall to make the space look larger.

And move the furniture against the walls if possible, so you have at least the illusion of a little space to move.

Gawronski of DormBuys.com says that when space is a premium, consider using your trunk as a coffee table, or buying a "mini-mantel" that stretches over the top of the bed and eliminates the need for a bedside table.

Accept that your dorm bed is going to double as a couch. Jazz it up with big pillows — and coordinate bedsheets with your roommate if possible. Add clip-on lights around the room, because you and your roommate will rarely be doing the same thing at the same time.

And, Harper says, that means you guys, too. Even though you might not be threading pink ribbons through wall fabric, you can have a room that is more than a series of tatty Jessica Simpson posters, a pyramid of Coke cans and a comforter.

More masculine colors — orange and brown, or black and brown and taupe — make a room look updated and fun without being what Harper calls "froufy."

Here are the steps to getting your dorm room into shape:

■ **First, cover the walls.** Posters are cheap and abundant. And if you've ever seen The Learning Channel's Trading Spaces, you know that a digital camera, a printer and some inexpensive framing can yield stunning effects

on the wall.

The school probably won't allow you to paint or otherwise permanently alter the dorm's, er, distinctive color scheme. Fortunately, there is fabric and unusual-but-cheap items, such as matchstick bamboo.

■ **Do something about the floor.** Your dorm floor is likely to be some variety of tile or linoleum that has seen years of dormitory furniture dragged across its surface.

Luckily, carpet remnants are affordable, abundant and sound-muffling. If there's carpet, don't hesitate to put an extra layer of your own newer, brighter and cleaner carpet on top of it. And if you don't want to go the route of full carpet, remember, the neighborhood Wal-Mart carries washable area rugs.

■ **Light it up.** Your standard dorm room probably will include only an aging overhead light and possibly an anemic built-in desk lamp. You can do better.



KATE CLEMONS in her brightly decorated pink, coral and lime dorm room at Centre College in Danville, Ky.

Harper suggests freeing up desk space by suspending lights from above the desks. Target and Home Goods sell trendy fixtures that also are fairly cheap.

Centre student Jeremy Ware's tropical-themed room won his college's contest for best decorated. It's complete with bamboo, raffia and mini-lights such as you would find on a Christmas tree.

Decor dos

Decorating advice from "First Digs: The Quasi-Adult's Guide to Decorating with Style — Without Blowing Your Budget" by Yee-Fan Sun.

■ **Sun offers some easy themes.** We add some sensitive personal options, based on items we have gathering dust in our garage.

■ **Zen:** Include bamboo matchstick blinds, fake orchids and bonsai trees. We'd suggest incense, but the resident advisers might get a little antsy.

■ **Jungle:** Animal prints, lush plants that conceal dust and untidy items, mosquito netting.

■ **World travelers:** Sun suggests maps decoupage onto storage boxes. We suggest maps lining the walls and desks, which will take a fraction of the time. Also, postcards from around the world.

■ **Tiki!** Elvis loved it, and so can you! Grass skirts, fake flowers, bobble hula girls.

■ **Viva Las Vegas!** Again, nothing succeeds like Elvis on black

velvet, accompanied by a pair of fuzzy dice in the window. Except maybe sequins and a white polyester cape.

■ **Space-age retro:** Graphics '60s and '70s prints. Think Peter Max. And you, or your parents, probably already have the lava lamp and Jimi Hendrix poster.

Sun also offers what she calls "The Lazy Decorator's Bag of Tricks." We call it the way around the depression of being encased in cinderblock walls:

■ **Staple gun:** For floor-to-ceiling fabric draping, crafts projects and very simple reupholstery.

■ **Velcro:** Because who hands-sews buttons?

■ **No-sew tape:** Bond fabric using just the heat of an iron. Hem your heart out. Add a ribbon trim.

■ **Hot glue gun:** It's all about texture. A fun way to add oddities to lampshades or any other surface on which your college will not be charging you a damage deposit.

■ **Bedsheets! Bedsheets! Bedsheets!** You might call them bed linens; we call them cheap, colorful fabric that can be anything from a futon cover to curtains.

■ **Grommets:** Grommet kits include a device for punching holes and attaching grommets as well as the grommets themselves. Who needs metal rings for curtains?

You can visit Sun's Web site at DigsMagazine.com, an online magazine that provides advice for the "post-college, pre-parenthood, quasi-adult set."

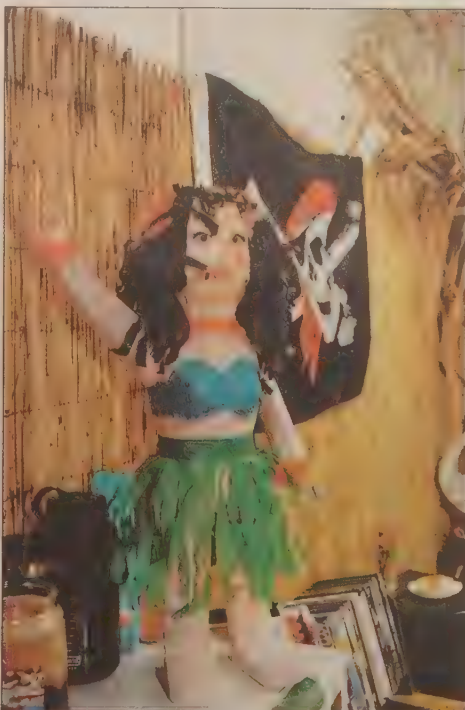
"You definitely want to do color in everything possible," said Beth Harper aka The Lone Rearranger.



KATE CLEMONS GLUED these pink feathers on this table lamp shade in her dorm room.



JEREMY WARE'S TROPICAL-THEMED DORM ROOM won a campus contest for best decorated at Centre College in Danville, Ky.



THIS TIKI DOLL AND A PIRATE FLAG are just two of the decorating elements found in Ware's room.

Moisture, not heat, affecting apple tree

Q Several years ago, we installed a hot tub adjacent to an apple tree. Since then, the leaves on the apple tree have developed a powdery white film during the summer months. Last year, it was worse than the previous year. Also, the fruit is dropping off early and covered with black spots but there are no worms inside. Is the heat from the hot tub the culprit?

A You are correct in suspecting the hot tub as the problem, but it's not the heat that is the issue. Instead, it's the moisture escaping from the tub when it's in use. The moisture settles on the leaves setting up the perfect conditions for powdery mildew, aka the white film.

This is the same problem seen on roses, crape myrtles, dahlias, zinnias and many other plants. The mildew spores are airborne and abundant. They only need the right conditions such as mild nighttime temperatures and moisture to be a problem. Mother Nature provides the temperature and the hot tub is providing the moist air. The foliage on the apple tree needs to remain dry after the sun goes down; otherwise, the mildew thrives. The problem perpetuates itself because hot tubs are used more at the end of the day than at any other time.

There are many different types of products available to control powdery mildew; however, none of them will eradicate the problem. With non-edible plants, Bayer Advanced All In One gives six-week protection for those plants listed above. For the apple tree and other edibles, you should use Horticultural or Neem Oil as there are no extended coverage or systemic products. Horticultural and Neem Oil needs to be reapplied every two to three weeks during the summer and early fall. Another option is to do nothing and live with the mildew.

While powdery mildew looks bad, it doesn't kill the tree.

Also, it isn't causing the fruit to fall or the spotting. This, I believe, is from the chlorine that is vaporizing with the water into the air. For information on the effect of chlorine on plants, go to http://www.clemson.edu/aiken/local/PDF/c_facts.pdf.

Q My climbing roses are finished blooming for the year. They need a heavy pruning as they are now too thick. Can I cut these climbers way back now?

A This is one of those yes, no, or depends on, answer.

Climbing roses, as well as all the other classes of roses, should be pruned after every flush of flowers, but I'd wait until January to do the severe pruning. The exception is Lady Banksia and Cecil Brunner be-



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cause they are spring bloomers and sheared back after the blooming period. The concern at this time of the year is sunburn on the young, green canes. Any climber that faces south, west or southwest, you must protect the green canes by leaving a fair amount of foliage. Those canes protected from the heat of the day sun can tolerate more exposure. Sunburn causes the canes to turn black

and die.

Q I'm having a problem with the dwarf marigolds planted in my mixed color containers. Some of the plants thrive while others struggle. I've had this problem off and on over the past several years. For no apparent reason, they just wither and die within a couple of weeks. The other plants are not affected. The containers are next to one another so they receive the same care and exposure. What do I need to do to prevent this from happening?

A Water stress is the cause of the random dwarf marigold failure. Marigolds naturally form a very dense root ball of white, fibrous roots at an early age so they quickly fill in the growing space in a container or pack. This is beneficial as gardeners can easily remove the plants from color packs without disturbing them. You avoid the water stress issue in several ways.

Before transplanting seasonal color, you need to thoroughly wa-

ter the plants while they are in their original containers. During the summer months, this holds true for all types of planting done regardless of the container size. The roots of the original plant need to go into their new location moist. The rate or speed of the decline depends on how warm it is.

Next, once the plants are removed from the container/color packs, you need to break the circular, square or round pattern of the mass of roots. Many gardening books refer to this as scoring the root ball. You can pull at the outer

roots with your fingers, slice them with a knife or use the blade on a pair of hand shears before tucking them into their new home. After replanting, you might keep the container out of the late afternoon or heat of the day sun for the first week. This can reduce the heat stress when temperatures are over 85 degrees. Besides the sun, the wind is a major contributor to water stress

problems. These are all changes in your plan outlined above.

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A wide range of consumer goods companies have understood that healthy manufacturing practices are more and more important. Consumers are more health conscientious as they look for organic food and search for green and eco-friendly products to bring to their home.

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A growing number of companies in residential furnishings are dedicated to green and organic materials.

Many window treatment companies now use organic materials such as bamboo and grass weave for making shades.

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attendees at the Summer Market by introducing soft fabrics made with 100 percent bamboo, mixed grasses, bark and recycled materials.

European bedding companies use soybeans as a key component in their foam to make their mattresses. They also have a selection of blankets, bed spreads and down comforters that are eco friendly and that use organic feathers, wool and cashmere.

Commercial furniture leaders are offering furniture manufactured without chemicals such as formaldehyde, an adhesive in furniture manufacturing and polyurethane, a furniture sealant. Companies also avoid the use of paint stripper and wood preservatives.

Carpet and flooring companies are following the lead by offering

non toxic, non allergenic floor coverings such as wool carpet and bamboo floors, just to name a few.

Eco-friendly products have not yet reached the tipping point, yet big progress is being made.

The drawback remains the cost of such items. As it is more expensive to buy organic food it does cost more to purchase eco-friendly and chemical-free products.

Many consumers cannot afford these prices. Hopefully, this is the

beginning of the green generation and as with all new creations in the industry, prices will come down eventually. The demand will grow and the production costs will be lower.

The goal should remain to protect our health and for all of us to live in healthier and safer homes.

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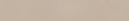
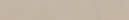
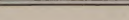
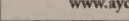
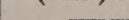
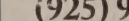
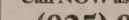
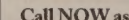
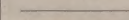
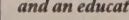
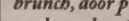
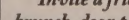
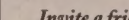
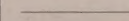
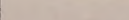
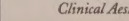
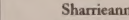
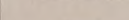
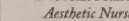
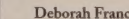
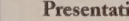
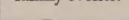
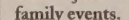
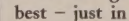
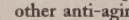
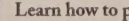
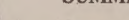
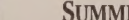
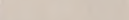
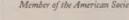
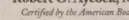
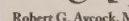
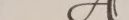
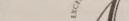
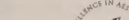
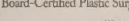
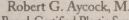
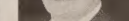
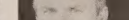
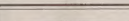
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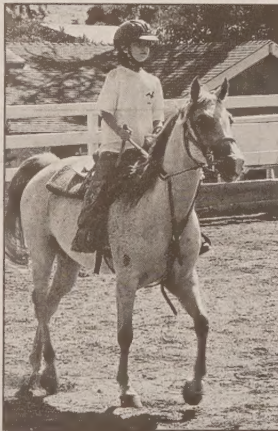
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